

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Funding Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to prohibit increases in tuition rates at two-year institutions under the control of
2 the state board of higher education; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration
3 date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. TUITION INCREASE PROHIBITED.** Notwithstanding any other provision of
6 law, the state board of higher education may not increase tuition rates for students attending
7 two-year institutions of higher education under its control beyond the level in effect during the
8 2015 spring semester. This section applies to tuition rates at Bismarck state college, Dakota
9 college at Bottineau, Lake Region state college, North Dakota state college of science, and
10 Williston state college.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
12 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much of the
13 sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of offsetting
14 any financial impact resulting from the prohibition on tuition rate increases as provided in
15 section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

16 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2017, and after that
17 date is ineffective.