

April 15, 2015

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1151

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on page 765 of the Senate Journal, Reengrossed House Bill No. 1151 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study;"

Page 1, line 19, replace "five" with "seven"

Page 1, line 20, after the period insert "The first two million dollars in matching grants awarded to each institution must be used for student scholarships that comply with section 15-10-53."

Page 2, line 8, replace "forward" with "retain up to"

Page 2, line 9, remove "the office of the governor, to"

Page 3, line 8, after "3." insert:

- "a. The board may award an additional five hundred thousand dollars in matching grants to institutions that have been awarded one million dollars in matching grants under subsection 1 and apply for an additional matching grant.
- b. An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an original application.
- c. The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in chronological order.
- d. If the funding provided under this subsection is insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundation, the board shall award a lesser amount.

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Page 3, line 8, replace "forward" with "retain up to"

Page 3, line 9, remove "the office of the governor, to"

Page 5, line 1, remove ", campus facility repair projects."

Page 5, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the provision of matching grants to institutions of higher education, as set forth in sections 15-10-48 through 15-10-53 of the North Dakota Century Code, for the purposes of ensuring that the statutory parameters provide sufficient direction, provide flexibility to accommodate changing circumstances and needs, and ultimately enable the delivery of the greatest possible benefits to the students attending institutions of higher education in this state. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly."

Page 5, line 6, replace "\$19,000,000" with "\$23,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and out of any moneys in the student loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,500,000"

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment provides for the following:

- Increases the amount of matching grants available to North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota from \$5 million to \$7 million each and requires the first \$2 million of matching grants awarded to each institution to be used for student scholarships.
- Provides an additional \$500,000 to be awarded to nonresearch and private institutions that have fully utilized the original \$1,000,000 of grant funding available to the institution.
- Increases the general fund appropriation for the matching grant program from \$19 million to \$23 million and appropriates \$2.5 million from the student loan trust fund.
- Allows the State Board of Higher Education, rather than the Governor's office, to retain one-quarter of one percent of grants awarded to be used for administrative costs of the program.
- Allows grant funds to be used for campus infrastructure repairs.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of higher education matching grants.