

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a pilot program to create an incentive for instructors to teach
3 dual-credit courses; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Dual-credit courses - Pilot program.**

8 1. The state board of higher education shall establish a four-year pilot program to offer a
9 credit incentive to instructors teaching dual-credit courses in core subject matter areas
10 at public or private high schools in the state. An instructor who participates in the
11 program is entitled receive a credit-for-credit coupon that may be used toward
12 graduate level classes at institutions under the control of the state board of higher
13 education. The board shall provide a qualified participant with a coupon that covers
14 the cost of tuition for one graduate level credit at any institution under the control of
15 the board for every credit hour of a dual-credit course the individual teaches. If the
16 graduate level course an individual requires is not offered by an institution under the
17 control of the board, the individual may enroll in an equivalent course at a regionally
18 accredited institution of higher learning and must be reimbursed up to the equivalent
19 cost of the tuition and fees at an institution under the control of the board. An individual
20 is eligible for the program if the individual teaches a concurrent dual enrollment class
21 at a public or private high school in the state and the class includes at least four
22 students receiving dual credit.

1 2. If an individual eligible for a credit coupon offered under this section has met
2 accreditation qualification standards, the individual may transfer a credit coupon to a
3 family member or to a student being taught by the individual.

4 3. The state board of higher education shall develop a long-term sustainability plan for
5 the program and, if determined necessary, continue the program for up to five
6 additional years.

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the student
8 loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$700,000, or so
9 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of
10 creating a dual-credit courses pilot program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and
11 ending June 30, 2019.