

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for  
2 vocational and technical education; to create and enact a new subsection to section 15-20.1-03  
3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the powers and duties of the state board for  
4 vocational and technical education; to amend and reenact section 6-09.10-02.1, subsection 1 of  
5 section 6-09.10-06, sections 15-20.1-01, and 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
6 relating to the duties of the credit review board and the state board for vocational and technical  
7 education; and to provide statements of legislative intent.

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

9 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
10 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in  
11 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
12 funds and other income, to the state board for vocational and technical education for the  
13 purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
14 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

15	Salaries and wages	\$ 2,567,463
16	Operating expenses	565,366
17	Equipment	108,000
18	Grants	21,619,356
19	Adult farm management	445,760
20	Postsecondary education vocational grants	368,600
21	Small business management	<u>99,237</u>
22	Total all funds	\$25,773,782
23	Less estimated income	<u>14,252,780</u>
24	Total general fund appropriation	\$11,521,002

1           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.10-02.1 of the 1995 Supplement to the  
2 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **6-09.10-02.1. Additional duties of board.** In addition to other powers and duties  
4 enumerated in this chapter, the board shall:

- 5           1. Establish policy for the North Dakota agricultural mediation service.
- 6           2. Recommend policies and procedures to the industrial commission regarding farm  
7           loan programs of the Bank of North Dakota.
- 8           3. Recommend policies and procedures regarding the adult farm management  
9           program to the state board ~~of~~ for vocational and technical education.
- 10          4. ~~Coordinate~~ Participate in a farm management delivery system coordinated by the  
11          state board for vocational and technical education among the adult farm  
12          management program, agricultural mediation service, and North Dakota state  
13          university. The system must be available to any farmer and may be funded from  
14          moneys available in the fund described in this chapter, fees paid by farmers, or  
15          other sources.

16           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 6-09.10-06 of the 1995  
17 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 18          1. A revolving fund must be maintained at the Bank of North Dakota for the subsidy of  
19          interest rates on home-quarter purchases and coordination and operation of a farm  
20          management delivery system, as provided in this chapter. All moneys transferred  
21          into the fund, interest upon moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund are  
22          hereby appropriated for the purposes of this chapter. Any moneys generated by  
23          the farm management delivery system must be transferred to the state board for  
24          vocational and technical education and allocated by the state board for vocational  
25          and technical education to the adult farm management program, the agricultural  
26          mediation services, and North Dakota state university for expenses related to the  
27          jointly developed and implemented farm management delivery system. The state  
28          board for vocational and technical education may not allocate more than forty  
29          percent of these moneys to any one of these entities.

30           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **15-20.1-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise  
2 requires:

- 3           1. "Director" means the director of vocational and technical education.
- 4           2. "Regulations" means regulations made by the director with the approval of the  
5 state board.
- 6           3. "State board" means the state board for vocational and technical education ~~which~~  
7 ~~is the state board of public school education.~~

8           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10           **15-20.1-02. State board for vocational and technical education - Director of**  
11 **vocational and technical education - Appointment, qualifications, assistants, duties.** The  
12 state board ~~of public school education is the state board~~ for vocational and technical education  
13 consists of the members of the state board of public school education, the commissioner of  
14 labor, and the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee. The state  
15 board, acting through the office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall appoint a  
16 director and executive officer of vocational and technical education who are charged with the  
17 administration, under the direction and supervision of the board, of the provisions of this  
18 chapter relating to vocational and technical education. The state board, acting through the  
19 office of the superintendent of public instruction, shall designate such assistants to the director  
20 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The duties, terms of office,  
21 and compensation of the director and of his assistants must be determined by the state board.  
22 The director shall hold as a minimum a baccalaureate degree received from a recognized  
23 college or university. The director shall enforce such rules and regulations as the state board  
24 may adopt and shall prepare such reports concerning vocational education as the state board  
25 may require.

26           **SECTION 6.** A new subsection to section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century  
27 Code is created and enacted as follows:

28           To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state  
29 agency or entity.

30           **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - STATEWIDE ACCESS TO WORK FORCE**  
31 **TRAINING PROGRAMS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE.** It is the

1 intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that the state board for vocational and technical  
2 education cooperate with other state agencies and private organizations to provide work force  
3 training programs in a manner that will allow statewide access to these programs and will  
4 improve the agency's ability to coordinate and implement work force training programs in  
5 anticipation of future work force training needs. The state board for vocational and technical  
6 education shall provide, during the 1997-98 interim, periodic reports to the legislative council or  
7 its designated committee, on the agency's progress in coordinating statewide access to work  
8 force training programs.

9 **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FEES.** It is  
10 the intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that all fees collected for farm management  
11 programs pursuant to sections 6-09.10-02.1 and 6-09.10-06 be transferred to the state board  
12 for vocational and technical education. The state board for vocational and technical education  
13 shall distribute the fees as it determines necessary to state agencies and organizations  
14 involved in providing farm management programs.