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Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an electronic portfolio pilot program; and to amend and reenact
3 subsection 3 of section 52-02.1-01 and sections 52-08-10 and 54-60-17 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code, relating to the new jobs training program, workforce training program, and
5 project intern program.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 52-02.1-01 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 3. "Community" means the city or county in which an eligible primary sector business
10 is or will be located or a local development corporation, community organization,
11 institution of higher education that is assigned primary responsibility for workforce
12 training under section 52-08-08, or any other group the interest of which is in the
13 economic growth of the area.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 52-08-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **52-08-10. Preparation of business plan - Revolving loans.** Subject to state board of
17 higher education policies, the president of an institution of higher education that is assigned
18 primary responsibility for workforce training shall prepare an annual business plan that must
19 include provisions for use of the training capacity of the tribal colleges within the designated
20 region, in consultation with the workforce training board. The business plan may include
21 participation as a community under the new jobs training program under chapter 52-02.1. The
22 workforce training board shall approve the business plan and make recommendations for
23 funding of the business plan to the state board of higher education. Any state funds received
24 under this program by the institutions of higher education assigned primary responsibility for

1 workforce training must be used for business and customized training activities. The state board
2 of higher education may establish for each institution of higher education assigned primary
3 responsibility for workforce training a revolving loan fund for workforce training program startups
4 using the borrowing authority provided in section 15-10-16.1.

5 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-60-17. Division of workforce development - Internships, apprenticeships, and**
8 **work experience opportunities.** The division of workforce development shall administer a
9 program to increase use of internships, apprenticeships, and work experience opportunities for
10 higher education students and high school students enrolled in grade eleven or twelve. The
11 primary focus of this program must be higher education internships in target industries. This
12 program shall provide services to employers, communities, and business organizations to
13 increase internship, apprenticeship, and work experience opportunities. ~~The department shall~~
14 ~~maintain records of the number of internship, apprenticeship, and work experience~~
15 ~~opportunities subsidized within each funding recipient which shall then constitute a base level~~
16 ~~for that funding recipient. The department in each subsequent biennium may only subsidize~~
17 ~~new or expanded internship, apprenticeship, and work experience opportunities above the base~~
18 ~~level for funding recipients.~~

19 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 created and enacted as follows:

21 **Division of workforce development - Pilot program - Higher education electronic**
22 **portfolio system.**

23 1. The division of workforce development, the North Dakota university system, job
24 service North Dakota, and representatives of the institutions of higher education
25 under the control of the state board of higher education shall work together to
26 establish a pilot program through which an electronic portfolio system will be
27 implemented by selected institutions of higher education under the control of the
28 state board of higher education in order to address the needs of students, faculty,
29 and employers.

30 2. The pilot program must provide for an electronic portfolio system that:

31 a. Is online;

- 1 b. Is a multimedia system that enables the user to create and manage the user's
- 2 education and career information;
- 3 c. Enables students, job seekers, and professionals to showcase education and
- 4 skills to potential employers;
- 5 d. Provides for creation of and access to lifelong personal electronic portfolio
- 6 accounts and services to students, job seekers, and professionals seeking to
- 7 advance their careers in the state;
- 8 e. Provides access to job seekers residing outside the state who may be
- 9 interested in relocating or returning to the state; and
- 10 f. Allows employers and economic developers to conduct online searches to
- 11 determine workforce potential by geographic region, skill, education,
- 12 experience, and other factors.
- 13 3. Under this pilot program, the North Dakota university system, job service North
- 14 Dakota, and the division of workforce development shall work together to:
- 15 a. Facilitate the effective integration of future workers into the workforce system
- 16 and to enhance the ability of state and local economic development officials to
- 17 effectively access North Dakota's skilled workforce through the system; and
- 18 b. Ensure the system is complementary to the state's workforce system and
- 19 higher education system.
- 20 4. The division of workforce development shall administer the pilot program.