

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2036

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-10-48 and 15-10-49 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to matching grants for the advancement of academics at higher  
3 education institutions under the control of the state board of higher education; and to provide an  
4 appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-48 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15-10-48. Advancement of academics - Matching grants - University of North Dakota**  
9 **and North Dakota state university.**

- 10 1. a. During the period beginning July 1, ~~2015~~2017, and ending December 31,
- 11 ~~2016~~2018, the state board of higher education shall award one dollar in matching
- 12 grants for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundations of the university
- 13 of North Dakota and North Dakota state university for projects dedicated
- 14 exclusively to the advancement of academics.
- 15 b. To be eligible for a matching grant, an institution must demonstrate that:
- 16 (1) Its foundation has raised at least fifty thousand dollars in cash or monetary
- 17 pledges for a qualifying project; and
- 18 (2) The project has been approved by the grant review committee established
- 19 in section 15-10-51.
- 20 c. The board may award up to ~~seven million~~seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in
- 21 matching grants to each institution. ~~The first two million dollars in matching grants~~
- 22 ~~awarded to each institution must be used for student scholarships that comply~~
- 23 ~~with section 15-10-53.~~

- 1           2.   a.   If any available dollars have not been awarded by the board before January 1,  
2                    20172019, in accordance with subsection 1, either the university of North Dakota  
3                    or North Dakota state university may apply for an additional matching grant.  
4            b.   An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an  
5                    original application.  
6            c.   The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in  
7                    chronological order.  
8            d.   If the remaining dollars are insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount  
9                    of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundation, the board  
10                   shall award a lesser amount.  
11          3.   The state board of higher education shall retain up to one-quarter of one percent of  
12                   any grant awarded under this section to assist with administrative expenses incurred  
13                   in the grant review process.

14           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16           **15-10-49. Advancement of academics - Matching grants - Two-year and four-year**  
17 **institutions of higher education.**

- 18          1.   a.   During the period beginning July 1, ~~2015~~2017, and ending December 31,  
19                    ~~2016~~2018, the state board of higher education shall award one dollar in matching  
20                    grants for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundations of Bismarck  
21                    state college, Dakota college at Bottineau, Dickinson state university, Lake  
22                    Region state college, Mayville state university, Minot state university, North  
23                    Dakota state college of science, Valley City state university, and Williston state  
24                    college for projects dedicated exclusively to the advancement of academics.  
25          b.   To be eligible for a matching grant, an institution must demonstrate that:  
26                    (1)   Its foundation has raised at least twenty-five thousand dollars in cash or  
27                    monetary pledges for a qualifying project; and  
28                    (2)   The project has been approved by the grant review committee established  
29                    in section 15-10-51.  
30          c.   The board may award up to ~~one million~~two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
31                    in matching grants to each institution.

- 1           2.   a.   If any available dollars have not been awarded by the board before January 1,  
2                    2017~~2019~~, in accordance with subsection 1, any institution listed in subsection 1  
3                    may apply for an additional matching grant.
- 4           b.   An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an  
5                    original application.
- 6           c.   The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in  
7                    chronological order.
- 8           d.   If the remaining dollars are insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount  
9                    of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundation, the board  
10                  shall award a lesser amount.
- 11          3.   a.   The board may award an additional ~~five hundred~~twenty-five thousand dollars in  
12                  matching grants to institutions that have been awarded ~~one million~~two hundred  
13                  seventy-five thousand dollars in matching grants under subsection 1 and apply  
14                  for an additional matching grant.
- 15          b.   An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an  
16                  original application.
- 17          c.   The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in  
18                  chronological order.
- 19          d.   If the funding provided under this subsection is insufficient to provide a matching  
20                  grant in the amount of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional  
21                  foundation, the board shall award a lesser amount.
- 22          4.   The state board of higher education shall retain up to one-quarter of one percent of  
23                  any grant awarded under this section to assist with administrative expenses incurred  
24                  in the grant review process.

25           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

26   **FUND - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in  
27   the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
28   appropriated, the sum of \$4,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state  
29   board of higher education for the purpose of awarding matching grants for the advancement of  
30   academics at institutions under the control of the board, for the biennium beginning July 1,

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- 1 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time
- 2 funding item.