

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.