

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2244

Introduced by

Senators Schaible, Rust, Oban

Representatives D. Johnson, Nathe, Owens

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 to 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~~ a public or private postsecondary education institution in the state. The
14 board shall provide a qualified participant with a coupon that covers the cost of tuition
15 for one graduate level credit ~~at any institution under the control of the board in an~~
16 amount not exceeding the tuition charged for the credit at the institution in which the
17 participant is enrolled, except the amount may not exceed the highest tuition for a
18 graduate level credit charged at an institution of higher education under the control of
19 the state board of higher education, for every credit hour of a dual-credit course the
20 individual teaches. ~~If the graduate level course an individual requires is not offered by~~
21 ~~an institution under the control of the board, the individual may enroll in an equivalent-~~
22 ~~course at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and must be reimbursed~~
23 ~~up to the equivalent cost of the tuition and fees at an institution under the control of the~~
24 ~~board.~~ An individual is eligible for the program if the individual teaches a concurrent

- 1 dual enrollment class at a public or private high school in the state and the class
2 includes at least four students receiving dual credit.
- 3 2. If an individual eligible for a credit coupon offered under this section has met
4 accreditation qualification standards, the individual may transfer a credit coupon to a
5 family member or to a student being taught by the individual.
- 6 3. The state board of higher education shall develop a long-term sustainability plan for
7 the program and, if determined necessary, continue the program for up to five
8 additional years.

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the student
10 | loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$700,000~~\$200,000,
11 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the
12 purpose of creating a dual-credit courses pilot program, for the biennium beginning July 1,
13 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.