

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2244
(Senators Schaible, Rust, Oban)
(Representatives D. Johnson, Nathe, Owens)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a pilot program to create an incentive for instructors to teach dual-credit courses; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Dual-credit courses - Pilot program.

1. The state board of higher education shall establish a four-year pilot program to offer a credit incentive to instructors teaching dual-credit courses in core subject matter areas at public or private high schools in the state. An instructor who participates in the program is entitled to receive a credit-for-credit coupon that may be used toward graduate level classes at a public or private postsecondary education institution in the state. The board shall provide a qualified participant with a coupon that covers the cost of tuition for one graduate level credit in an amount not exceeding the tuition charged for the credit at the institution in which the participant is enrolled, except the amount may not exceed the highest tuition for a graduate level credit charged at an institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher education, for every credit-hour of a dual-credit course the individual teaches. An individual is eligible for the program if the individual teaches a concurrent dual enrollment class at a public or private high school in the state and the class includes at least four students receiving dual credit.
2. If an individual eligible for a credit coupon offered under this section has met accreditation qualification standards, the individual may transfer a credit coupon to a family member or to a student being taught by the individual.
3. The state board of higher education shall develop a long-term sustainability plan for the program and, if determined necessary, continue the program for up to five additional years.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2244.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 63 Nays 27 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2017,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State