

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-60.2-01 and 54-60.2-02 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to workforce development grants for tribally controlled
3 community colleges; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-60.2-01. Establishment of workforce development grant for tribally controlled**
8 **community colleges.**

9 There is established within the division of workforce development of the department of
10 commerce a program to provide workforce development grants to tribally controlled community
11 colleges in North Dakota. A tribally controlled community college in this state may apply to the
12 department of commerce for a job training grant in such manner as the department of
13 commerce prescribes. The department of commerce shall consult with the executive director of
14 the Indian affairs commission to determine eligible tribally controlled community colleges and
15 shall award grants based on the documented job placement rates at each eligible college.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **54-60.2-02. (Effective through July 31, 2017) Purpose of grants.**

19 1. Any grant awarded under section 54-60.2-01 may be used at the discretion of the
20 college:

21 a. For development or enhancement of programs that assist in providing certificates
22 or degrees to North Dakota students attending the college that qualify the student
23 to obtain jobs for which applicants are being sought within the state, as identified

1 by the department of commerce, job service North Dakota, or any of the federally
2 recognized Indian tribes within North Dakota; or

3 b. To assist any North Dakota student attending the college to establish, or to assist
4 in establishing, a new business operating within North Dakota that will employ
5 North Dakota citizens.

6 2. Any funds provided to tribally controlled community colleges must be used to
7 supplement, not supplant, any existing program or funding source of the college.

8 ~~(Effective after July 31, 2017) Purpose of grants. Any grant awarded under section-~~
9 ~~54-60.2-01 may be used at the discretion of the college:~~

10 1. ~~For development of programs that assist in providing certificates or degrees to North-~~
11 ~~Dakota students attending the college that qualify the student to obtain jobs for which-~~
12 ~~applicants are being sought within the state, as identified by the department of~~
13 ~~commerce, job service North Dakota, or any of the federally recognized Indian tribes-~~
14 ~~within North Dakota; or~~

15 2. ~~To assist any North Dakota student attending the college to establish, or to assist in-~~
16 ~~establishing, a new business operating within North Dakota that will employ North-~~
17 ~~Dakota citizens.~~

18 ~~Any funds provided to tribally controlled community colleges must be used to supplement,~~
19 ~~not supplant, any existing program or funding source of the college.~~

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT LOAN TRUST FUND.** There is appropriated
21 out of any moneys in the ~~general~~student loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
22 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$1,500,000~~\$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
23 the department of commerce for the purpose of providing workforce grants to tribally controlled
24 community colleges, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The
25 funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.