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Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

Introduced by

Representatives P. Anderson, Beadle, Boschee, Guggisberg, M. Johnson, Maragos, Mock, Schneider

Senators Dotzenrod, Nelson, Oban

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the creation of a college
- 2 tuition waiver or reimbursement program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SENIOR TUITION WAIVER OR

5 **REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall 6 consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the development of a state tuition waiver or 7 reimbursement program for college seniors at institutions of higher education under the control 8 of the state board of higher education. The study must consider designing a program to waive 9 or reimburse tuition expenses at these institutions for students who are North Dakota residents 10 who graduated from a high school in this state or completed a program of home education 11 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23. The study may include the objectives of a 12 senior tuition waiver or reimbursement program, the definition of residency for purposes of the 13 program, the duration of a tuition waiver once a student is designated a senior by the institution, 14 the necessary funding mechanisms for the program, the maximum total waiver or 15 reimbursement amounts available to individual students, grade point average requirements, 16 post-graduation requirements, merit-based requirements, and the effectiveness of tuition 17 waivers versus post-graduation reimbursement. The legislative management shall report its 18 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the 19 recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.