

HOUSE BILL NO. 1273

Introduced by

Representatives P. Anderson, Adams, Dobervich, Guggisberg, Hager, Mitskog, Schneider

Senator Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the creation of a senior year tuition waiver program for North Dakota students
3 attending North Dakota university system institutions.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
6 enacted as follows:

7 **Senior year tuition waiver program - Administration and eligibility.**

8 The state board of higher education shall administer a senior year tuition waiver program for
9 the purpose of waiving specified tuition expenses at institutions under the control of the state
10 board of higher education for students who are North Dakota residents and either graduated
11 from high schools in North Dakota or completed programs of home education supervised in
12 accordance with chapter 15.1-23. The state board of higher education shall adopt procedures to
13 provide fiscal control and accounting for the program.

14 **Senior year tuition waiver program - Waiver amounts - Application.**

- 15 1. Each institution under the control of the state board of higher education shall waive
16 tuition under the senior year tuition waiver program as follows:
- 17 a. An eligible student enrolled at a four-year institution is entitled to receive a tuition
18 waiver for not more than two semesters during which the individual is designated
19 a senior by the institution.
- 20 b. An eligible student enrolled in a degree program at a two-year institution is
21 entitled to receive a tuition waiver for the individual's final semester before
22 graduating from the institution.
- 23 c. An eligible student enrolled in a certificate program is entitled to receive a tuition
24 waiver for twenty-five percent of the tuition costs of the program.

- 1 2. The amount of each waiver under subdivisions a and b of subsection 1 must equal the
2 tuition the student otherwise would pay for the courses in which the student is enrolled
3 minus the amount of any scholarships, grants, or other waivers to which the student is
4 entitled. The amount of each waiver under subdivision c of subsection 1 must equal
5 twenty-five percent of the tuition the student otherwise would pay for the certificate
6 program in which the student is enrolled minus the amount of any scholarships,
7 grants, or other waivers to which the student is entitled.
- 8 3. The board shall develop an application for the senior year tuition waiver program and
9 make the application available to students at each institution under the control of the
10 board. An institution may not require an eligible student to apply more than once to
11 receive the student's full tuition waiver under subsection 1.
- 12 4. A student may not receive more than one tuition waiver under the program.
- 13 5. The tuition waiver may not be applied to any coursework from which the student
14 withdraws or receives a failing grade.

15 **Senior year tuition waiver program - Funding.**

16 The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer from its undivided profits a sum equal to the total
17 tuition waived for all students receiving waivers under the senior year tuition waiver program to
18 the state board of higher education each semester upon request by the commissioner of higher
19 education. The state board of higher education shall use the sum to reimburse each institution
20 under its control for the cost of the waivers the institution provides under the program.