

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15-18.2-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to a higher education funding formula minimum amount payable; to amend and reenact
3 subsection 3 of section 15-18.2-03 and section 15-18.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to the higher education funding formula; to provide for a study; to provide for a report;
5 and to provide legislative intent.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 15-18.2-03 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 3. If the number of credit-hours completed by an institution ~~causes~~would cause a
10 decrease in the credit completion factor for that institution, ~~the new credit completion~~
11 ~~factor shall not be in effect for calculation purposes for the first two fiscal years~~
12 ~~following the change~~ compared to the credit completion factor the institution was
13 entitled to receive during the 2017-19 biennium, the state board of higher education
14 shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-02 by a credit growth
15 factor of 1.0 for credits in excess of the factor the institution was entitled to receive
16 during the 2017-19 biennium. Any weighted credit-hours multiplied by a credit growth
17 factor under this section must have a weight of 1.0 under section 15-18.2-02. The
18 state board of higher education shall multiply the remaining weighted credits by the
19 credit completion factor the institution was entitled to receive during the 2017-19
20 biennium.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-18.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **15-18.2-05. Base funding - Determination of state aid.**

24 1. ~~Except as provided under subsection 2, in order to~~

1 To determine the state aid payment to which each institution under its control is entitled, the
2 state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-04
3 by a base amount of:

4 ~~a.1.~~ \$60.87 in the case of North Dakota state university and the university of North Dakota;

5 ~~b.2.~~ \$90.98 in the case of Dickinson state university, Mayville state university, Minot state
6 university, and Valley City state university; and

7 ~~c.3.~~ \$97.06 in the case of Bismarck state college, Dakota college at Bottineau, Lake
8 Region state college, North Dakota state college of science, and Williston state
9 college.

10 2. ~~An institution is entitled to an amount equal to seventy-five percent of the product~~
11 ~~determined under subsection 1 for credits completed by students receiving a tuition~~
12 ~~waiver pursuant to section 54-12-35.~~

13 **SECTION 3.** Section 15-18.2-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
14 enacted as follows:

15 **15-18.2-06.1. Base funding - Minimum amount payable.**

16 Notwithstanding any calculations required by this chapter, during each biennium beginning
17 with the 2021-23 biennium, an institution may not receive less than ninety-six percent of the
18 state aid to which the institution was entitled under this chapter during the previous biennium.

19 **SECTION 4. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - STUDY OF THE HIGHER**
20 **EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

21 During the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, the state board of higher
22 education shall study the higher education funding formula, including instructional program
23 classification factors. The state board of higher education shall provide a report to the legislative
24 management regarding any findings or recommended changes to the funding formula by
25 June 30, 2022.

26 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - WEIGHTED CREDIT-HOURS - INSTRUCTIONAL**
27 **PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION FACTORS.** It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative

28 assembly that veterinary medicine courses remain under the health sciences instructional
29 program classification within the higher education funding formula. It is further the intent of the
30 sixty-seventh legislative assembly that computer and information sciences and support services

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- 1 courses be transferred to the engineering instructional program classification within the higher
- 2 education funding formula.