

Introduced by

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Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Luick, Weber

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a tuition scholarship program for students taking dual-credit courses  
3 while in high school; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **Dual-credit courses - Tuition scholarship program - Administered by the board.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall administer a dual-credit tuition scholarship  
9 program to offer a tuition scholarship to students. The board shall adopt procedures to  
10 administer the program.
- 11 2. An eligible student may apply to the board to receive a scholarship toward the cost of  
12 tuition and fees at the state-approved postsecondary training program, tribal college,  
13 or private institution of higher education at which the student is enrolled. To be eligible  
14 to receive a scholarship, an individual must:
- 15 a. Be enrolled at a state-approved postsecondary training program in the state,  
16 tribal college in the state, or private institution of higher education in the state;
- 17 b. Have completed at least one semester, quarter, or term at the state-approved  
18 postsecondary training program, tribal college, or private institution at which the  
19 student is enrolled;
- 20 c. Have graduated from a high school in the state or from a high school in a school  
21 district that borders the state, or have completed a program of home education  
22 under chapter 15.1-23; and
- 23 d. Have completed at least one dual-credit course provided by an institution under  
24 the control of the state board of higher education while enrolled in high school or

1                   a program of home education in the state, or a high school in a school district that  
2                   borders the state.

3        3. The state board of higher education shall provide an eligible student with a tuition  
4        scholarship equal to the cost of the dual-credit courses provided by an institution  
5        under the control of the state board of higher education completed by the student  
6        while in high school or a program of home education, in an amount up to one  
7        thousand five hundred dollars. A scholarship received by a student during any  
8        semester, quarter, or term of enrollment under this section may not exceed the cost of  
9        tuition and fees for the semester, quarter, or term.

10        **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS.** There is  
11        appropriated out of any moneys from the Bank of North Dakota's current earnings and  
12        undivided profits, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as  
13        may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing tuition  
14        scholarships to eligible students participating in the program under this Act, for the biennium  
15        beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.