

Introduced by

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of the Bank of North Dakota)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 54-60.1-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to definitions relating to business incentives, agreements, and reports.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 54-60.1-01 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 2. "Business incentive" means a state or political subdivision direct cash transfer, loan, or  
7 equity investment; contribution of property or infrastructure; reduction or deferral of  
8 any tax or any fee; guarantee of any payment under any loan, lease, or other  
9 obligation; or preferential use of government facilities given to a business. To be  
10 considered a business incentive, the total assistance in all forms must be valued at  
11 twenty-five thousand dollars or more committed within a year. Unless specifically  
12 provided otherwise, the term does not include:

- 13 a. Assistance that is generally available to all businesses or to a general class of  
14 similar businesses, such as a line of business, size, or similar criteria.
- 15 b. Incentives resulting from Bank of North Dakota programs unless the incentive is  
16 ~~a direct interest rate buydown or is an investment made pursuant to the North-~~  
17 ~~Dakota alternative and venture capital investments and early stage capital funds-~~  
18 ~~program~~requires job creation to fulfill a requirement of the incentive.
- 19 c. Public improvements to buildings or lands owned by the state or political  
20 subdivision which serve a public purpose and do not principally benefit a single  
21 business or defined group of businesses at the time the improvements are made.
- 22 d. Assistance provided for the sole purpose of renovating old or decaying building  
23 stock or bringing such building stock up to code and assistance provided for

- 1 designated historic preservation districts, provided that the assistance does not  
2 exceed seventy-five percent of the total cost.
- 3 e. Assistance to provide job-readiness and training services if the sole purpose of  
4 the assistance is to provide those services.
- 5 f. Assistance for housing.
- 6 g. Assistance for pollution control or abatement.
- 7 h. Assistance for energy conservation.
- 8 i. Tax reductions resulting from conformity with federal tax law.
- 9 j. Benefits derived from regulation.
- 10 k. Indirect benefits derived from assistance to educational institutions.
- 11 l. Assistance for a collaboration between a North Dakota institution of higher  
12 education and a business.
- 13 m. Redevelopment if the recipient's investment in the purchase of the site and in site  
14 preparation is seventy percent or more of the assessor's current year's estimated  
15 market value.
- 16 n. General changes in tax increment financing law and other general tax law  
17 changes of a principally technical nature.
- 18 o. Federal assistance provided through the state or a political subdivision until the  
19 assistance has been repaid to, and reinvested by, the state or political  
20 subdivision.
- 21 p. Federal or state assistance for the lignite research, development, and marketing  
22 program under chapter 54-17.5.
- 23 q. Federal or state assistance for the oil and gas research, development, and  
24 marketing program under chapter 54-17.6.
- 25 r. Federal or state assistance for the renewable energy program under chapter  
26 54-63.