

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

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 high-demand certificates scholarships; and to provide an
3 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 **High-demand certificates scholarship.**

- 8 1. The state board of higher education shall adopt policies and procedures to develop,
9 implement, promote, and administer a high-demand certificates scholarship program
10 to encourage residents of the state to enroll in educational programs for commercial
11 driver's license and certified nursing assistant certificates.
- 12 2. Individuals enrolled in a qualifying educational program with a physical presence in
13 this state may apply for a scholarship under this section. Eligible applicants must be
14 enrolled in a commercial driver's license or certified nursing assistant program at an
15 accredited institution or other program approved by the board of career and technical
16 education.
- 17 3. Subject to legislative appropriations, eligible applicants may be awarded up to five
18 hundred dollars to assist the student with the costs of completing the qualifying
19 educational program.
- 20 4. The state board of higher education shall distribute grants to the accredited institution
21 or other program approved by the board of career and technical education to provide
22 the amounts necessary for the scholarships awarded to the students enrolled in each
23 institution or program.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - HIGH-**
2 **DEMAND CERTIFICATES SCHOLARSHIP.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
3 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
4 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of
5 providing financial assistance to students eligible for the high-demand certificates scholarship
6 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.