Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2229

Introduced by

Senators Davison, Bakke, Oban

Representative Pyle

- 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 student teacher scholarship program; and to provide an
- 3 appropriation.

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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 and enacted as follows:
- 7 <u>Student teacher scholarship program Administered by the board.</u>
- 8 <u>1. For purposes of this section:</u>
 - a. "Rural school district" has the same meaning as the term is defined in the 2006
 national center for education statistics locale codes.
 - b. "Student teacher" means an individual enrolled at an institution under the control of the state board of higher education, a private institution of higher education located in this state, or a tribal college located in this state who is completing an education degree to become a licensed teacher, and who has signed a contract to teach at a rural school district under the supervision of a licensed teacher.
- 16 <u>2. The state board of higher education shall administer a student teacher scholarship</u>
 program. The board shall adopt rules to administer the program including rules
- 18 <u>establishing an application process, eligibility criteria, and distribution of program</u>
- scholarships. An eligible student teacher may apply to the board to receive a
- 20 <u>scholarship under the program.</u>
- 21 <u>3. To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, an individual:</u>
- a. Must be enrolled at an institution under the control of the state board of higher
 education, a private institution of higher education located in this state, or a tribal
 college located in this state;

1		<u>b.</u>	<u>Mus</u>	t be completing a degree to become a licensed teacher in compliance with	
2			<u>cha</u> ŗ	oter 15.1-18;	
3		<u>C.</u>	Mus	t be enrolled in a teacher preparation program, accredited by the education	
4			<u>stan</u>	dards and practices board, at an institution under the control of the state	
5			boa	rd of higher education, a private institution of higher education located in this	
6			state	e, or a tribal college located in this state; and	
7		<u>d.</u>	Mus	t have signed a contract to student teach at a grade level or in a content area	
8			and	in a geographical location in the state identified by the board as having an	
9			<u>exis</u>	ting teacher shortage or critical need.	
10	<u>4.</u>	<u>To k</u>	o be eligible to hire a student teacher awarded a scholarship under this section, a		
11		<u>sch</u>	school district:		
12		<u>a.</u>	Mus	t be a rural school district;	
13		<u>b.</u>	Mus	t demonstrate a teacher shortage, as determined by the board;	
14		<u>C.</u>	Mus	t be willing to supervise, mentor, and train a student teacher; and	
15		<u>d.</u>	Mus	t be able to provide the student teacher lodging accommodations within a	
16			reas	conable distance from the school of placement and at a reasonable rental	
17			rate	, as determined by the board.	
18	<u>5.</u>	Sub	Subject to legislative appropriation:		
19		<u>a.</u>	<u>The</u>	board may award and distribute up to thirty-three scholarships during each	
20			year	of the biennium; and	
21		<u>b.</u>	<u>The</u>	board shall distribute fifteen thousand dollars to an eligible individual	
22			<u>awa</u>	rded a scholarship under the program. A scholarship may be used to pay:	
23			<u>(1)</u>	The cost of tuition at the institution under the control of the state board of	
24				higher education, private institution of higher education located in this state,	
25				or tribal college located in this state at which the student teacher is enrolled;	
26				<u>and</u>	
27			<u>(2)</u>	Living expenses while student teaching, including rent, food, clothing, and	
28				travel to the school and district of placement.	
29	<u>6.</u>	<u>The</u>	boar	d may contract with a third-party organization to administer the program and	
30		supervise the student teachers participating in the program.		e the student teachers participating in the program.	

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- 1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
- 2 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the
- 3 sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing
- 4 scholarships to eligible student teachers under the student teacher scholarship program, for the
- 5 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.