

Introduced by

Representatives Jonas, Murphy, Richter, Sanford, Hager

Senators Bekkedahl, Boschee

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 the creation of the North Dakota student teacher scholarship program;
3 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 **North Dakota student teacher scholarship program.**

8 1. The state board of higher education shall:

9 a. Develop and administer the North Dakota student teacher scholarship program to
10 provide scholarships for student teachers who will seek initial teacher licensure
11 after graduation;

12 b. Distribute funds for the scholarships to each institution of higher education in the
13 state offering a state-approved teacher preparation program; and

14 c. Provide guidance and assistance to an institution of higher education to
15 administer the program.

16 2. To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, a student must:

17 a. Be enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program and be completing
18 the student teaching experience in the state;

19 b. Be progressing satisfactorily through the teacher preparation program, as
20 determined by the institution of higher education; and

21 c. Not hold a teaching license.

22 3. An institution of higher education shall apply a scholarship not exceeding three
23 thousand dollars to an eligible student's tuition and fees for the semester the student is
24 completing the student teaching experience.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - STUDENT**
2 **TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
3 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,200,000, or so
4 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of
5 providing funds to institutions of higher education to award scholarships to students who are
6 eligible to receive a student teacher scholarship, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
7 ending June 30, 2027.