

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state board for career and technical education; to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-20.1 and three new sections to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an elementary student entrepreneurship grant program and a workforce enhancement grant program; to amend and reenact section 43-18-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a penalty for violating the state plumbing code; to provide a transfer; and to provide legislative intent.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION. The amounts identified in this section represent the base level funding component appropriated to the state board for career and technical education in section 3 of this Act as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$3,173,797
Operating expenses	1,024,858
Grants	21,500,116
Adult farm management	725,760
Workforce training	1,350,000
Postsecondary education vocational grants	<u>357,452</u>
Total all funds - Base level	\$28,131,983
Less estimated income - Base level	<u>11,291,197</u>
Total general fund - Base level	\$16,840,786

SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION. The amounts identified in this section represent the funding adjustments or enhancements to the base funding level for the state board for career and technical education which are included in the appropriation in section 3 of this Act as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$403,035
Operating expenses	(38,252)
Grants	2,800,000
Adult farm management	(175,958)
Workforce training	<u>1,650,000</u>
Total all funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$4,638,825
Less estimated income - Adjustments/enhancements	<u>(255,482)</u>
Total general fund - Adjustments/enhancements	\$4,894,307

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the state board for career and technical education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$3,576,832
Operating expenses	986,606
Grants	24,300,116
Adult farm management	549,802
Workforce training	3,000,000

Postsecondary education vocational grants	<u>357,452</u>
Total all funds	\$32,770,808
Less estimated income	<u>11,035,715</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$21,735,093

SECTION 4. GRANTS - AREA CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTERS.

1. The state board for career and technical education shall use \$1,200,000 of the grants line item in section 3 of this Act, for the development, during the second year of the biennium, of at least two new area career and technology centers in areas of the state that currently are not served. The board shall award the grants on a competitive basis and shall require a twenty-five percent match by a recipient. In awarding the grants, the board shall give consideration to the number of students who will be served and to alignments of the proposed area career and technology centers with existing educational associations governed by joint powers agreements.
2. The board shall use \$800,000 of the grants line item in section 3 of this Act, to increase cost-share incentives for cooperative delivery efforts of career and technical education programs.

SECTION 5. WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS. The workforce training line item in section 3 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,650,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, for the purpose of providing supplemental workforce training grants to the institutions of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training in this state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

SECTION 6. A new section to chapter 15-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota elementary student entrepreneurship program. There is created a North Dakota elementary student entrepreneurship program under the authority of the state board. The state board shall adopt policies to create a program of grants to support entrepreneurship education that is coordinated with classroom curriculum, standards, and activities encouraging and showcasing entrepreneurial activities at the elementary education level. The grants must be administered through local school districts and require matching funds of up to fifty percent of the curriculum and activity costs.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 43-18-24 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended in section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2060, as approved by the sixtieth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-18-24. Violation of chapter - Penalty. Any person that violates the state plumbing code adopted under section 43-18-09; violates section 43-18-10, 43-18-11, 43-18-11.4, 43-18-17.2, or 43-18-23; or works under the license of another person in a manner that is in violation of section 43-18-13 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 8. A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Workforce enhancement council. The workforce enhancement council consists of the private sector members of the workforce development council, the director of the department of career and technical education, and the director of the division of workforce development, who shall serve as chairman.

SECTION 9. A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Workforce enhancement council - Grants. The workforce enhancement council shall recommend to the commissioner the approval of grants to institutions of higher education assigned primary responsibility for workforce training in this state to be used to create or enhance training programs that address workforce needs of private sector companies. A grant made under this section may be used for curriculum development, equipment, recruitment of participants, and training and certification for instructors but may not be used to supplant funding for current operations. The department may distribute funds under this section after:

1. The division of workforce development certifies that a proposed training program meets a critical workforce shortage in a target industry or other high demand occupation and is expected to lead to employment in this state; and
2. The proposed recipient provides the department with detailed documentation of private sector participation, including the availability of one dollar of matching funds for each dollar of state funds.

SECTION 10. A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Workforce enhancement fund - Continuing appropriation. The workforce enhancement fund is a special fund in the state treasury. All funds in the workforce enhancement fund are appropriated to the department of commerce on a continuing basis for the purpose of implementing and administering sections 8 and 9 of this Act. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund.

SECTION 11. TRANSFER - APPROPRIATION. The office of management and budget shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the general fund to the workforce enhancement fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the state board for career and technical education use \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the grants line item in section 3 of this Act, for the purpose of providing grants to support the North Dakota elementary student entrepreneurship program.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1019.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 2 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

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Secretary of State