

Introduced by

Representatives Meier, Dosch, Monson, Schatz, Steiner

Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Heckaman, Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-20.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics advancement
3 grants; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-20.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Science - Technology - Engineering - Mathematics - Grants - Continuing**
8 **appropriation - Report.**

9 1. The department of career and technical education may accept gifts, grants, and
10 donations for the purpose of providing science, technology, engineering, and
11 mathematics advancement grants.

12 2. Grant recipients shall focus on facilitating, coordinating, and advancing science,
13 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiatives in this state, and shall work with
14 representatives of elementary and secondary education, tribal schools, higher
15 education, and private sector industries to strengthen educational opportunities, align
16 the educational opportunities with economic development and workforce needs, and
17 ensure the existence of a creative and productive workforce with the skills and
18 knowledge to be globally competitive.

19 3. All moneys received under this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the
20 department of career and technical education for the purpose of providing science,
21 technology, engineering, and mathematics advancement grants. The department of
22 career and technical education shall report to the appropriations committees of each
23 legislative assembly on funds received and the use of the funds.

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 \$160,000, or so much of the
3 sum as may be necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose
4 of providing a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics advancement grant, for the
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The grant recipient must focus on
6 facilitating, coordinating, and advancing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
7 initiatives in this state, and must work with representatives of elementary and secondary
8 education, tribal schools, higher education, and private sector industries to strengthen
9 educational opportunities, align the educational opportunities with economic development and
10 workforce needs, and ensure the existence of a creative and productive workforce with the skills
11 and knowledge to be globally competitive.