Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **SENATE BILL NO. 2137**

Introduced by

Industry, Business and Labor Committee

(At the request of the Department of Commerce)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 10-30.5-13 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to the small business technology investment program.

## 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 10-30.5-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is

5 amended and reenacted as follows:

## 6 **10-30.5-13. Small business technology investment program.**

- The corporation shall administer a small business technology investment program that
  provides matching investments to startup technology-based businesses.
  The following provides matching investments to startup technology-based businesses.
- 9 2. The following provisions apply to small business technology investments:
- 10 a. A qualified applicant:

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- (1) Must be a North Dakota business that is at the startup stage;
- (2) Must be a primary sector business in the technology field; and
- (3) Shall meet underwriting guidelines established by the corporation.
- 14b.Before the corporation distributes funds under this section, the recipient shall15provide the corporation with detailed documentation of the availability of two16dollars of angel fundnonstate investment matching funds for each dollar of state17funds distributed under this section. The matching funds must be cash, must-18come from a North Dakota angel fund certified under section 57-38-01.26, and19may not be an in-kind asset.
- An investment under this section may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. Eligible use of
  the investment funds include developing a proof of concept. A recipient may not
  receive more than one award under this section.
- 4. An investment under this section is not a business incentive under chapter 54-60.1.