

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1519**

Introduced by

Representatives Hagert, Nathe, O'Brien, Porter, Stemen

Senators Bekkedahl, Meyer, Weber

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of career and technical
2 education for uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology
3 grants; and to provide a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND -**
6 **DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - ONE-TIME FUNDING -**
7 **REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

8 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund,
9 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$750,000, or so much of the sum as may be
10 necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of
11 uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology
12 grants to a workforce training center serving the northwest area of the state, for the
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in
14 this section is considered a one-time funding item.

15 2. The department of career and technical education shall develop an application
16 process and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant
17 awards, and matching requirements. The department of career and technical
18 education may require a workforce training center to provide one dollar of matching
19 funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. To be eligible for a grant, a
20 workforce training center shall certify to the department of career and technical
21 education that the operation of the uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or
22 other autonomous technology is related to workforce or educational training with
23 uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies.

- 1 3. A workforce training center may use grant funding to purchase or lease uncrewed
2 aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; to support
3 the operations of uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous vehicles, or other
4 autonomous technologies; to contract for services related to uncrewed aircraft
5 systems, autonomous vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; for educational or
6 training curriculum expenses related to uncrewed aircraft systems, autonomous
7 vehicles, or other autonomous technologies; or for other eligible uses related to
8 uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology
9 operations as determined by the department of career and technical education.
- 10 4. During the 2023-24 interim, the department of career and technical education shall
11 provide at least one report to the legislative management regarding the grants,
12 including a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use
13 of the grant funding.