

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1129**

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 54-60.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to workforce development grants for tribally controlled community colleges.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-60.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-60.2-02. Purpose of grants.**

7 1. Any grant awarded under section 54-60.2-01 may be used at the discretion of the  
8 college:

9 ~~1.~~ a. For development or enhancement of programs that ~~assist in providing certificates~~  
10 ~~or degrees to North Dakota students attending the college that qualify the student~~  
11 ~~to obtain jobs for which applicants are being sought within the state~~ address a  
12 critical workforce shortage in a target industry or other high-demand occupation  
13 and which are expected to lead to employment in the state, as identified by the  
14 department of commerce, job service North Dakota, or any of the federally  
15 recognized Indian tribes within North Dakota; or

16 ~~2.~~ b. To assist any North Dakota student attending the college to establish, or to assist  
17 in establishing, a new business operating within North Dakota that will employ  
18 North Dakota citizens.

19 2. Any funds provided to tribally controlled community colleges must be used to  
20 supplement, not supplant, any existing program or funding source of the college.