

HOUSE BILL NO. 1385

Introduced by

Representatives Steiner, R. Kelsch, Sanford, Thoreson

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the attendance of mature students at institutions of higher education.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Mature students - Attendance at institutions of higher education.**

- 7 1. Any resident of this state who is at least fifty-five years of age may attend any
8 undergraduate course or class offered by an institution of higher education under the
9 control of the state board of higher education without a charge of tuition or fees, and
10 without having to demonstrate the achievement of certain academic thresholds
11 normally required of students.
- 12 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, any student duly admitted to the institution must be
13 given priority with respect to enrollment in courses or classes having a maximum
14 allowable enrollment.
- 15 3. An institution may not employ additional staff or increase the availability of courses or
16 classes based solely on interest expressed by students referenced in subsection 1.
- 17 4. If a student referenced in subsection 1 successfully completes the requirements of any
18 course or class attended in accordance with this section, the student shall be awarded
19 academic credit by the institution.
- 20 5. All books, supplies, and expenses other than tuition and fees are the responsibility of
21 the student.
- 22 6. Each institution shall account for the students referenced in subsection 1 as a
23 separate class of attendees and may not include them in any other student counts for
24 any other purposes.