

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2225

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Marcellais

Representatives Magrum, Meier, Tveit

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15-10-18.6 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to providing reduced tuition and fee charges in North Dakota institutions of higher
3 education for dependents of disabled veterans; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 15-10-18.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
6 as follows:

7 **15-10-18.6. Reduced tuition in North Dakota institutions of higher education.**

8 1. As used in this section:

9 a. "Dependent" means a child, stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower of a resident
10 veteran, as "veteran" is defined in section 37-01-40, who:

11 (1) Has a service-connected disability rating of at least fifty percent but no more
12 than ninety-nine percent, as determined by the department of veterans'
13 affairs; or

14 (2) Has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that
15 brings the veteran's total disability rating to at least fifty percent but not more
16 than ninety-nine percent, as determined by the department of veterans'
17 affairs.

18 b. "Resident veteran" has the same meaning as provided under section 15-10-18.2.

19 2. Any dependent upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any undergraduate
20 degree or certificate program of a North Dakota state institution of higher education is
21 entitled to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for so long as the
22 dependent is eligible, at reduced tuition and fee charges provided the bachelor's
23 degree or certificate of completion is earned within a forty-five-month or ten-semester

1 period or its equivalent. For purposes of this section, tuition and fee charges do not
2 include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses.

3 3. A dependent is entitled to the following reduction in tuition and fees under
4 subsection 2:

5 a. A fifty percent reduction if the resident veteran has a service-connected disability
6 rating of at least fifty percent but not more than fifty-nine percent;

7 b. A sixty percent reduction if the resident veteran has a service-connected disability
8 rating of at least sixty percent but not more than sixty-nine percent;

9 c. A seventy percent reduction if the resident veteran has a service-connected
10 disability rating of at least seventy percent but not more than seventy-nine
11 percent;

12 d. An eighty percent reduction if the resident veteran has a service-connected
13 disability rating of at least eighty percent but not more than eighty-nine percent;
14 or

15 e. Ninety percent reduction if the resident veteran has a service-connected disability
16 rating of at least ninety percent but not more than ninety-nine percent.

17 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
18 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,800,000, or so much of the
19 sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing
20 reduced tuition and fees to a dependent of a disabled resident veteran, for the biennium
21 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.