



NDSA-09-2021

A Resolution Supporting HB 1375

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, NDSA works to increase academic and financial opportunities for higher education students throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1375, introduced on January 18th, 2021, proposes a dual-credit tuition program that would allow high school students in North Dakota to enroll in dual credit classes in exchange for a financial credit at an NDUS institution in the future; and,

WHEREAS, students may receive a credit to use towards the cost of tuition at a higher education institution, and;

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible to receive financial credit, a student must:

- Have graduated from a high school in North Dakota
- Have completed at least one dual-credit course while being enrolled in a high school in North Dakota
- Attend one of the eleven public institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE)
- Complete at least one semester at the institution of higher education before receiving the credit to be used towards tuition

WHEREAS, the SBHE will work in conjunction with the Bank of North Dakota to provide eligible students with a tuition credit equal to the cost of dual-credit courses completed by the student while in high school, with the total amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the bill suggests appropriating a maximum of \$5,000,000 to fund the program; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1375 would increase opportunities for students to receive compensation for dual-credit courses taken in high school and encourage students to remain in North Dakota to complete their higher education degree; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed bill could have a direct positive effect on higher education by increasing student enrollment and retention by lessening the burden of tuitional costs; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1375 also helps make attending a higher education institution more affordable, which is a key priority of the NDSA; so,

¹ <https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/documents/21-0842-01000.pdf>



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports approving and fully funding HB 1375, relating to providing a tuition credit incentive program for students taking dual-credit courses while in high school; and,

BE IT FURTHERST RESOLVED, the NDSA continues to advocate for programs and incentives that increase academic opportunities for students and help mitigate the financial costs associated with higher education.

Approved by the NDSA General Assembly on Saturday, January 30th, 2021.

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