

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1151

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1684 and 1685 of the House Journal and pages 1461, 1462, and 1502 of the Senate Journal and that Reengrossed House Bill No. 1151 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study;"

Page 1, line 19, replace "five" with "seven"

Page 1, line 20, after the period insert "The first two million dollars in matching grants awarded to each institution must be used for student scholarships that comply with section 15-10-53."

Page 2, line 8, replace "forward" with "retain up to"

Page 2, line 9, remove "the office of the governor, to"

Page 3, line 8, after "3." insert:

- "a. The board may award an additional five hundred thousand dollars in matching grants to institutions that have been awarded one million dollars in matching grants under subsection 1 and apply for an additional matching grant.
- b. An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an original application.
- c. The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in chronological order.
- d. If the funding provided under this subsection is insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundation, the board shall award a lesser amount.

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Page 3, line 8, replace "forward" with "retain up to"

Page 3, line 9, remove "the office of the governor, to"

Page 5, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HIGHER EDUCATION MATCHING GRANTS.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the provision of matching grants to institutions of higher education, as set forth in sections 15-10-48 through 15-10-53, for the purposes of ensuring that the statutory parameters provide sufficient direction, provide flexibility to accommodate changing circumstances and needs, and ultimately enable the delivery of the greatest possible benefits to the students attending institutions of higher education in this state. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly."

Page 5, line 6, replace "\$19,000,000" with "\$21,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and out of any moneys in the student loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,500,000"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1151 - University System Office - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Challenge grant program		\$19,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$25,500,000	(\$2,000,000)
Total all funds	\$0	\$19,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$25,500,000	(\$2,000,000)
Less estimated income	0	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$19,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$21,000,000	\$23,000,000	(\$2,000,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department No. 215 - University System Office - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Increases Funding for the Challenge Grant Program <sup>1</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Challenge grant program	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
Total all funds	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
Less estimated income	2,500,000	2,500,000
General fund	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$2 million from the general fund and \$2.5 million from the student loan trust fund is added to provide a total of \$23.5 million for the challenge grant program. The House version provided \$19 million from the general fund for the program and the Senate version provided \$23 million from the general fund and \$2.5 million from the student loan trust fund for the program.

This amendment also provides for the following which were included in the Senate version:

- Increases the amount of matching grants available to North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota from \$5 million to \$7 million each and requires the first \$2 million of matching grants awarded to each institution to be used for student scholarships.
- Provides an additional \$500,000 to be awarded to nonresearch and private institutions that have fully utilized the original \$1 million of grant funding available to the institution.
- Allows the State Board of Higher Education, rather than the Governor's office, to retain one-quarter of 1 percent of grants awarded to be used for administrative costs of the program.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study of higher education matching grants.