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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a North Dakota center for nursing; and to provide an expiration
2 date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. North Dakota center for nursing.** The North Dakota center for nursing
5 shall address issues of supply and demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment,
6 retention, and utilization of nurses. The primary goals for the center are to:

- 7 1. Develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the nursing shortage in the state by
8 establishing and maintaining a data base on nursing supply and demand in the
9 state, including current supply and demand and future projections, and by selecting
10 priorities from the plan to be addressed.
- 11 2. Convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers,
12 business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to review and
13 comment on data analysis prepared for the center; recommend systematic
14 changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and
15 evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the legislative assembly and the
16 public.
- 17 3. Enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses by
18 proposing and creating recognition, reward, and renewal activities and by
19 promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.

20 **SECTION 2. North Dakota center for nursing board.**

- 21 1. The governor shall appoint the eight members of the North Dakota center for
22 nursing board as follows:
 - 23 a. Five members, at least three of whom must be registered nurses and at least
24 one of whom must be a licensed practical nurse, one of whom must be a

- 1 representative of the hospital industry, and one of whom must be a
- 2 representative of the long-term care industry.
- 3 b. One nurse educator recommended by the college university nursing
- 4 education association.
- 5 c. One nurse researcher recommended by the college university nursing
- 6 education association.
- 7 d. One member recommended by the North Dakota nurses association.
- 8 2. In determining the initial terms of the North Dakota center for nursing board
- 9 members, three of the five members appointed under subdivision a of subsection 1
- 10 shall serve for one year and two shall serve for two years; the nurse researcher
- 11 shall serve for three years; the nurse educator shall serve for two years; and the
- 12 member recommended by the North Dakota nurses association officer shall serve
- 13 for three years.
- 14 3. The governor shall make the initial board appointments by October 1, 2001. After
- 15 the initial terms expire, the terms of all members are three years, and terms expire
- 16 as of October first of the respective year. A member may not serve more than two
- 17 consecutive terms.
- 18 4. The North Dakota center for nursing board shall:
- 19 a. Determine operational policy for the board;
- 20 b. Elect a chairman and officers to serve nonconsecutive, two-year terms;
- 21 c. Establish committees of the board as necessary;
- 22 d. Appoint a multidisciplinary advisory council for input and advice on policy
- 23 matters;
- 24 e. Implement the major functions of the North Dakota center for nursing; and
- 25 f. Seek and accept nonstate funds for carrying out center policy.
- 26 5. The North Dakota center for nursing board members must be reimbursed for actual
- 27 and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties. The North
- 28 Dakota board of nursing shall provide administrative support for the North Dakota
- 29 center for nursing board. The North Dakota center for nursing board may contract
- 30 for additional support not provided by the North Dakota board of nursing.

1 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through September 30, 2006,
2 and after that date is ineffective.