

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1360
(Representatives Jensen, Gulleson, Keiser, F. Klein)
(Senators Kilzer, T. Mathern)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a study of nursing needs; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 43-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Nursing needs study. The board may address issues of supply and demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurses. The board:

1. May develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the nursing shortage in the state by establishing and maintaining a data base on nursing supply and demand in the state, including current supply and demand and future projections, and by selecting priorities from the plan to be addressed.
2. May convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to review and comment on data analysis prepared for the board; recommend systematic changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the legislative assembly and the public.
3. May review and study the nursing educational requirements in this state.
4. May study the nursing shortage in this state and the implications for rural communities.
5. May increase any license or registration fees imposed by the board up to fifteen dollars to reimburse the board for actual expenses incurred under this section.
6. May apply for, solicit, accept, and expend any contribution, grant, or gift made available from public or private sources for the purpose of implementing this section.
7. Shall report annually on the progress of the study, if undertaken, to the legislative council and shall provide a final report to the sixtieth legislative assembly.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1360.

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 36 Nays 10 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State