

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2282
(Senator Kilzer)
(Representative Svedjan)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15-52-03, 15-52-04, 15-52-16, 15-52-17, 15-52-18, and 15-52-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership and duties of the medical center advisory council and medical center loans; and to repeal sections 15-52-19 and 15-52-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical center loan payments and loan insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-52-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-52-03. Medical center advisory council - Members, terms, meetings. ~~In order to~~

1. ~~To assure the proper coordination and integration of the North Dakota state medical center with all other health and welfare activities of the state, a permanent medical center advisory council is hereby established to advise, consult, and make recommendations to the university administration, and to the several agencies represented on the council concerning the program of the North Dakota state medical center, the adaptation thereof of the medical center to the needs of the state and to the requirements and facilities of the several agencies involved, and the use of the North Dakota state medical center and its facilities by the various institutions and agencies of the state and its political subdivisions.~~
2. The council ~~shall consist~~ consists of fourteen members: ~~two~~
 - a. ~~Two members of the senate and two members of the house of representatives to be named by the governor; one to be named by and from the membership of selected by the chairman of the legislative council;~~
 - b. One member selected by each of the following: ~~the~~
 - (1) The department of human services; ~~the~~
 - (2) The state board of higher education, ~~or such boards or departments as shall succeed them or any of them; the~~
 - (3) The state ~~health officer of the state~~ department of health; ~~the~~
 - (4) The North Dakota medical association; ~~the~~
 - (5) The North Dakota ~~hospital~~ healthcare association; ~~the and~~
 - (6) The veterans administration hospital in Fargo; ~~the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker; and the senate, appointed by the president of the senate; with the remaining four members to be~~
 - c. One member selected by the dean of the university of North Dakota medical school from each of the four campus areas of the medical school with headquarters in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot. One member from each quadrant will be selected by the board to serve a three-year term with a two-term limit. The initial appointments must be staggered.

3. The representatives named by the state agencies and boards ~~above referred to~~ must be selected to serve as members of the medical center advisory council for periods of at least one year, but ~~in no instance may they not~~ serve longer than their term of office on the public agency. The representatives from the North Dakota state medical association and the North Dakota ~~hospital healthcare~~ association shall serve a term of three years or until their successors are named and qualified. ~~The two members appointed by the governor shall serve for three year terms as representatives of the public at large.~~
4. The council shall name its own chairman and the dean of the university of North Dakota medical school shall serve as executive secretary ~~thereof of the council~~. The council shall meet not less than twice each year, and, from time to time, on its own motion or upon request of the university administration, to consider plans and programs of action for the North Dakota state medical center and make its recommendations ~~thereon~~ to the several agencies of the state and ~~its~~ political subdivisions involved and to the legislative assembly.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-52-04. Duties of council. The medical center advisory council shall study, consider, and formulate plans for facilitating and implementing, through ~~the instrumentality of~~ the North Dakota state medical center, a unified program for the improvement and maintenance of the health of the people of ~~North Dakota the state~~ in all of its phases, ~~and such~~. The study must include specifically ways and means of bringing about the complete training of adequate numbers of qualified physicians and surgeons for the people of ~~North Dakota the state~~, both in the general practice of medicine and surgery and the field of public health, ~~the training of nurses and public health nurses, of allied health professionals, of sanitary engineers, of public health administrators,~~ and all other personnel concerned with the improvement and preservation of the health of the people of ~~North Dakota this state~~.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 15-52-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-52-16. Qualifications of loan applicants. An applicant is deemed qualified only if the applicant:

1. Has been a resident of ~~the~~ this state of North Dakota at least one year ~~prior to~~ before the date of entering medical school or dental school;
2. Has successfully completed the first year of the curriculum in medicine at the university of North Dakota or has successfully completed the first year of the curriculum in dentistry in a ~~qualified and reputable~~ an accredited dental school; and
3. Can present to the university satisfactory proof that the applicant ~~has been accepted is~~ enrolled as a student in the second, third, or fourth year of a ~~qualified and reputable four year~~ school of medicine accredited by the liaison committee on medical education or a school of dentistry accredited by the commission on dental accreditation, or will be ~~so accepted~~ enrolled upon payment of tuition.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 15-52-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-52-17. Loan investigations. The university shall make a careful investigation to ascertain the truth of all matters set forth in applications received by it, ~~and for that purpose may propound such examinations and questions for each applicant as it deems proper. The investigation must include including a study of the ability of the applicant or the applicant's parents to pay the applicant's expenses at the university of North Dakota school of medicine or an out of state medical or dental school, and preference financial need of the applicant. Preference must be given to qualified applicants who, or whose parents, are unable to pay the applicant's expenses at such medical or dental school with demonstrated financial need.~~

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 15-52-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-52-18. Amount of loans. Loans may be granted to qualified applicants by the university in amounts not in excess of ~~four~~ six thousand dollars each year for the purpose of completing the second, third, and fourth year of medical or dental study in ~~a qualified and reputable four-year~~ an accredited school of medicine or dentistry.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 15-52-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-52-20. Loan conditions. ~~Loans~~ A loan granted by the university under section 15-52-10 and sections 15-52-15 through 15-52-28 ~~are to~~ must be upon the condition that the full amount ~~thereof~~ of the loan must be repaid in cash with interest not to exceed six percent ~~interest~~ annually from the date of each payment pursuant to a loan agreement, ~~the~~. The medical center advisory council may annually establish an interest rate at a level lower than six percent. The repayment ~~to~~ must be in yearly installments on a schedule set by the university ~~and with~~ the first installment becoming due and payable one year from the date on which the applicant begins practice, but ~~under no circumstances to~~ may not exceed five years from the date of graduation or one year from the date of graduation from a dental school if a dental student.

SECTION 7. REPEAL. Sections 15-52-19 and 15-52-24 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2282.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 1 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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