

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

Representative Price

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to creation of a health information technology steering committee.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **North Dakota health information technology steering committee - Grants.**

- 7 1. The North Dakota health information technology steering committee consists of the
8 state health officer or the state health officer's designee, the governor or the
9 governor's designee, the executive director of the department of human services or
10 the executive director's designee, individuals appointed by the governor to
11 represent state government interests, and individuals appointed by the state health
12 officer to represent health information technology stakeholders, which may include:
- 13 a. Rural and urban health care facilities and organizations;
 - 14 b. Rural and urban economic development entities;
 - 15 c. Technology businesses;
 - 16 d. Academic and research institutions;
 - 17 e. The federal government;
 - 18 f. Rural and urban health care providers;
 - 19 g. Quality improvement organizations;
 - 20 h. Third-party payers;
 - 21 i. Health information management;
 - 22 j. Consumers;
 - 23 k. The North Dakota healthcare association; and
 - 24 l. The North Dakota medical association.

- 1 2. Steering committee members appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of
2 the governor. Steering committee members appointed by the state health officer
3 serve at the pleasure of the state health officer and may represent one or more
4 interests. The state health officer may appoint more than one individual to
5 represent a single interest. The state department of health shall provide or
6 arrange for administrative services to assist the steering committee.
- 7 3. The steering committee shall make recommendations for implementing a
8 statewide interoperable health information infrastructure that is consistent with
9 emerging national standards, promotes the adoption and use of electronic health
10 records and other health information technologies, and promotes interoperability of
11 health information systems for the purpose of improving health care quality, patient
12 safety, and overall efficiency of health care and public health services. The
13 steering committee shall develop a grant program to assist in the planning and
14 implementation of health information technology projects. The steering committee
15 may accept and expend contributions, gifts, and grants from the federal
16 government, private industry, and other sources and may enter contracts for
17 purposes consistent with this section.