

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Boucher

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an interim select committee on the status of health care; to
2 provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF HEALTH CARE - REPORT**
5 **TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

- 6 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the state department of health shall establish and
7 provide administrative services for the select committee on the status of health
8 care. The committee shall hold meetings across the state and shall prepare a final
9 report and recommendations that must be presented to the governor and must be
10 presented to the legislative council at the 2010 biennial meeting at which interim
11 committees present final reports.
- 12 2. The committee shall study the statewide health care delivery infrastructure in this
13 state, including the following health care provider network:
- 14 a. Hospitals:
- 15 (1) Classifications; and
- 16 (2) Geographical access.
- 17 b. Practitioners and clinics:
- 18 (1) Classifications:
- 19 (a) Physicians;
- 20 (b) Physician's assistants and advanced practice registered nurses;
- 21 (c) Mid-level professionals, including registered nurses, licensed
22 practical nurses, and technicians; and
- 23 (d) Support level professionals, including certified nursing assistants
24 and specialty assistants; and

- 1 (2) Geographical and demographic distribution.
- 2 c. Other providers:
- 3 (1) Public health units;
- 4 (2) Public clinics; and
- 5 (3) Home health services.
- 6 d. Related health care provider services:
- 7 (1) Dentists;
- 8 (2) Chiropractors;
- 9 (3) Optometrists; and
- 10 (4) Others.
- 11 e. Health care providers dependent upon health care services:
- 12 (1) Basic care and long-term care facilities; and
- 13 (2) Facilities and providers for developmentally disabled.
- 14 f. Financial reimbursement sources:
- 15 (1) Blue cross blue shield of North Dakota and other private insurers;
- 16 (2) North Dakota public employees retirement system;
- 17 (3) Medicare;
- 18 (4) Medicaid;
- 19 (5) Indian health service;
- 20 (6) United States department of veterans' affairs;
- 21 (7) Direct pay;
- 22 (8) Charitable services;
- 23 (9) Workforce safety and insurance; and
- 24 (10) North Dakota national guard.
- 25 3. The state health officer shall serve as chairman of the committee.
- 26 a. The following entities shall designate an individual to serve on the committee
- 27 and represent the entity:
- 28 (1) Governor;
- 29 (2) Department of human services;
- 30 (3) Workforce safety and insurance;
- 31 (4) Office of management and budget;

- 1 (5) North Dakota university system;
- 2 (6) Department of commerce;
- 3 (7) Indian affairs commission;
- 4 (8) Two members of the senate, one of whom must be from the majority
- 5 party and one of whom must be from the minority party, selected by the
- 6 chairman of the legislative council; and
- 7 (9) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom must be
- 8 from the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority
- 9 party, selected by the chairman of the legislative council.
- 10 b. The state health officer shall invite the following private entities each to
- 11 designate an individual to serve on the committee and represent the entity:
- 12 (1) North Dakota medical association;
- 13 (2) North Dakota healthcare association;
- 14 (3) Blue cross blue shield of North Dakota;
- 15 (4) North Dakota long-term care association;
- 16 (5) North Dakota state council on developmental disabilities;
- 17 (6) North Dakota dental association;
- 18 (7) North Dakota chiropractic association;
- 19 (8) North Dakota optometric association;
- 20 (9) North Dakota emergency medical services association;
- 21 (10) North Dakota public employee association;
- 22 (11) AARP North Dakota;
- 23 (12) North Dakota association of counties;
- 24 (13) North Dakota league of cities;
- 25 (14) North Dakota chamber of commerce;
- 26 (15) North Dakota farmers union;
- 27 (16) North Dakota farm bureau;
- 28 (17) North Dakota AFL-CIO;
- 29 (18) Mental health America of North Dakota; and
- 30 (19) North Dakota chapter of the national association of social workers.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much
3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of
4 conducting the committee charges under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning
5 July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.