

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act

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

3 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **Health information technology office.** The health information technology office is
6 created in the state department of health. The health information technology steering
7 committee and the information technology department shall make recommendations to the
8 health information technology office for implementing a statewide interoperable health
9 information infrastructure that is consistent with emerging national standards, promote the
10 adoption and use of electronic health records and other health information technologies, and
11 promote interoperability of health information systems for the purposes of improving health care
12 quality, patient safety, and the overall efficiency of health care and public health services. The
13 health information technology office shall provide or arrange for administrative services to assist
14 the health information technology steering committee.

15 **SECTION 4. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE AND HEALTH**
16 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
17 **COUNCIL.** Before October 2010 the health information technology office and health
18 information technology steering committee shall report to the legislative council on the status of
19 the health information technology activities.

20 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.