

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

Introduced by

Representatives Skarphol, Devlin, Weisz

Senators Fischer, Holmberg, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 15-52 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the school of medicine and health sciences advisory council; and to
3 amend and reenact sections 15-52-01, 15-52-03, and 15-52-04 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to the school of medicine and health sciences and the school's advisory council.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15-52-01. School of medicine and health sciences.**

9 The primary purpose of the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health
10 sciences is to ~~educate~~increase the health care workforce in the state by educating physicians,
11 with a focus on the education of primary care physicians, and other health professionals and to
12 enhance the quality of life in North Dakota. Other purposes include the discovery of knowledge
13 that benefits the people of this state and enhances the quality of their lives.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **15-52-03. School of medicine and health sciences advisory council - Members, terms,**
17 **meetings.**

18 4. To assure the proper coordination of the university of North Dakota school of medicine
19 and health sciences with all other health activities of the state, a permanent school of
20 medicine and health sciences advisory council is established to perform the duties in
21 section 15-52-04.

22 2. ~~The council consists of fifteen members:~~

- 1 a. (1) Two members of the senate, one of whom must be from the majority party
2 and one of whom must be from the minority party, appointed by the
3 chairman of the legislative management; and
4 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom must be from
5 the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority party.
6 appointed by the chairman of the legislative management;
7 b. Eight individuals appointed by the governor, provided:
8 (1) Each of the eight individuals must be located within the boundaries of a
9 separate human service center region;
10 (2) (a) Four of the eight individuals must be located in communities having a
11 population fewer than five thousand;
12 (b) Two of the eight individuals must be located in communities having a
13 population of at least five thousand but fewer than thirty thousand;
14 and
15 (c) Two of the eight individuals must be located in communities having a
16 population of at least thirty thousand; and
17 (3) (a) Five of the eight individuals must be health care providers regularly
18 involved in patient care;
19 (b) One of the eight individuals must be a hospital or clinic administrator;
20 and
21 (c) One of the eight individuals must be involved in the field of mental
22 health;
23 c. Two individuals appointed by the dean of the university of North Dakota school of
24 medicine and health sciences, provided each individual must represent a
25 separate campus of the school of medicine and health sciences; and
26 d. One individual appointed by the state board of higher education; and
27 2. The following ex officio, nonvoting members:
28 a. The director of the university of North Dakota center for rural health; and
29 b. The director of the department of human services.

30 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 15-52 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
31 and enacted as follows:

1 **Terms of office.**

2 1. a. The term of office for each member of the legislative assembly appointed to the
3 council is four years. A member of the legislative assembly may not serve more
4 than two consecutive terms.

5 b. The term of office for each member appointed by the governor is three years,
6 except that the terms of those members initially appointed must be staggered so
7 that four serve for terms of two years and four serve for terms of three years. A
8 member appointed by the governor may not serve more than two consecutive
9 terms.

10 c. The term of office for each member appointed by the dean of the university of
11 North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences is three years. A member
12 appointed by the dean may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

13 2. Any member who is absent from more than three council meetings within a two-year
14 period is precluded from further service on the council and a new member must be
15 appointed, as provided for in section 15-52-03, to complete the term of office.

16 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 15-52 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
17 and enacted as follows:

18 **Compensation.**

19 1. Each member of the council, other than one who is employed by the state, is entitled
20 to receive compensation in the amount of one hundred forty-eight dollars per day plus
21 reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers, if the member is
22 attending meetings or participating in meetings through electronic means, or if the
23 member is performing duties directed by the council.

24 2. Each member of the council who is employed by the state is entitled to receive
25 reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers, if the member is
26 attending meetings or participating in meetings through electronic means, or if the
27 member is performing duties directed by the council.

28 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 15-52 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
29 and enacted as follows:

1 **Chairman - Meetings.**

2 The council shall elect one member to serve as the chairman. The council must meet at
3 least four times each year and may meet at its own call or at the request of university
4 administration.

5 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-52-04. Duties of council.**

8 1. The advisory council, in consultation with the school of medicine and health sciences
9 and the other agencies, associations, and institutions represented on the advisory
10 council, shall study and make recommendations regarding the strategic plan,
11 programs, and facilities of the school of medicine and health sciences.

12 2. ~~Biennially~~Annually, the advisory council shall submit a report, together with its
13 recommendations and outcomes, to the ~~agencies, associations, and~~ institutions
14 represented on the advisory council, to the university of North Dakota, to the budget
15 section, and to the legislative ~~council~~management. In addition, the advisory council
16 shall submit a report together with its recommendations and outcomes to the
17 appropriations committees of the house and senate during each legislative session.

18 3. a. The report must describe the advisory council's recommendations regarding the
19 strategic plan, programs, and facilities of the school of medicine and health
20 sciences as developed under subsection 1. The recommendations for
21 implementing strategies through the school of medicine and health sciences or
22 other agencies and institutions must:

23 (1) Address the health care needs of the people of the state; and

24 (2) Provide information regarding the state's health care workforce needs;

25 (3) Provide for increasing the number of primary care physicians practicing in
26 the state;

27 (4) Collaborate with local organizations and political subdivisions to place
28 primary care physicians in rural parts of the state;

29 (5) Allow for the recruitment of students into specialized programs identified as
30 necessary for addressing the health care needs of the state;

1 (6) Provide for increasing the number of resident training positions available to
2 train primary care physicians in the state, including incentives to establish
3 resident training programs; and

4 (7) Provide that after meeting commitments to the western interstate
5 commission for higher education and the Indians into medicine program,
6 university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences students
7 fill at least eighty percent of the resident training positions available in the
8 state.

9 b. The recommendations required under subdivision a may address:

10 (1) Medical education and training;

11 (2) The recruitment and retention of physicians and other health care
12 professionals;

13 (3) Factors influencing the practice environment for physicians and other health
14 care professionals;

15 (4) Access to health care;

16 (5) Patient safety;

17 (6) The quality of health care and the efficiency of its delivery; and

18 (7) Financial challenges in the delivery of health care.

19 4. The council may consult with any individual or entity in performing its duties under this
20 section.