

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2221
(Senators Roers, Larson, Rummel)
(Representatives Lefor, Nathe, Rohr)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 15-10-38.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the skilled workforce student loan repayment program; and to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15-10-38.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the skilled workforce scholarship program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 15-10-38.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

The requirement under subdivision c of subsection 4 is met if an individual is enrolled in or has completed a master of science degree in nursing while teaching four clinical credits per year and resides and works in this state in an occupation requiring the degree.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 15-10-38.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. The state board of higher education and the workforce development council shall compile a list of qualifying educational programs annually. A qualifying educational program is:
 - a. Is a program resulting in attainment of an associate's degree or lower credential program that may be completed within four semesters, six quarters, or the final two years of a baccalaureate program. ~~A qualifying educational program also must~~
 - b. Must pertain to the professional and technical skills and emerging occupations in high demand in this state, as determined under subsection 3. ~~Qualifying educational programs may~~
 - c. May include degree or certificate programs.
 - d. Notwithstanding any other requirements under this subsection, is a program resulting in attainment of a master of science degree in nursing, if the individual teaches four clinical credits per calendar year.

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 Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2221.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 1 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State