

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1612
(Representatives Bahl, K. Anderson, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen)
(Senators Axtman, Cory, Meyer)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine for mental health support and certification assistance; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota center for aerospace medicine.

1. The university of North Dakota with the school of medicine and health sciences shall establish the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine under the John D. Odegard school of aerospace sciences.
2. The North Dakota center for aerospace medicine shall:
 - a. Provide mental health resources and assistance to obtain medical certification from the federal aviation administration to flight students, pilots, and aviation professionals in the fields of commercial aviation, unmanned aircraft systems, and air traffic control;
 - b. Cooperate with the federal aviation administration office of aerospace medicine;
 - c. Support access, including rural access, to mental health resources, aviation medical examiners, and human intervention motivational study aviation medical examiners;
 - d. Provide support to assist aviation medical examiners, human intervention motivational study aviation medical examiners, and applicants with federal aviation administration requirements;
 - e. Facilitate collaboration between research initiatives across the state related to aviation and space medicine; and
 - f. Provide mental health education and outreach.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA - NORTH DAKOTA CENTER FOR AEROSPACE MEDICINE - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the community health trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from other funds derived from federal funds or other sources, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota for the purpose of planning, developing, establishing, and operating the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine, including personnel recruitment and salaries, facility and assessment material costs, professional development and training, education and outreach, and initial research funding, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1612.

House Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 10 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 39 Nays 7 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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