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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Sanford, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Sickler

In place of the amendments (25.1322.03001) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed House Bill No. 1600 is amended by amendment (25.1322.03003) as follows:

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of the immigration law clinic at the university of
3 North Dakota school of law; to provide for a report; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **Immigration law clinic.**

- 8 1. The university of North Dakota school of law shall employ one full-time staff attorney
9 for the immigration law clinic. The immigration law clinic attorney may not have more
10 than sixty matters open at any one time.
11 2. Legal services may be provided and legal work may be done remotely, depending on
12 the needs of the client.
13 3. The university of North Dakota law school may charge nominal fees, as needed, to
14 operate the immigration law clinic.

15 **SECTION 2. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW - IMMIGRATION LAW**
16 **CLINIC - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The university of North Dakota school of
17 law shall prepare a report on the status of the immigration law clinic, including the impact of the
18 operation of the immigration law clinic on the school of law, the sustainability of the clinic based
19 on fee collections, the number of law students interested in participating in the clinic, the

1 number of law students participating in the clinic, and the number of student hours of
2 involvement. The report must also include the number of businesses, employers, and
3 individuals seeking legal services, the location of the individuals or entities seeking services,
4 and the scope of work requested. The report must also identify any obstacles encountered in
5 developing the clinic, potential future challenges for the clinic, a detailed plan to meet these
6 challenges, and any legislation necessary to support the recommendations for the clinic's
7 successful operation. The university of North Dakota school of law shall present the report to
8 the seventieth legislative assembly.

9 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
10 **FUND - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET - IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC -**
11 **ONE-TIME FUNDING**. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the ~~general~~strategic
12 investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
13 \$400,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and
14 budget for the purpose of providing a grant to the university of North Dakota to fund an
15 immigration law clinic at the university of North Dakota school of law, for the biennium beginning
16 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation provided in this section is
17 considered a one-time funding item.