

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Sanford, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Sickler

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 school of law 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 university of North Dakota school of law , the
19 sustainability of the clinic based on fee collections, the number of law students interested in
20 participating in the clinic, the number of law students participating in the clinic, and the number
21 of student hours of involvement. The report must also include the number of businesses,
22 employers, and individuals seeking legal services, the location of the individuals or entities

1 seeking services, and the scope of work requested. The report must also identify any obstacles
2 encountered in developing the clinic, potential future challenges for the clinic, a detailed plan to
3 meet these challenges, and any legislation necessary to support the recommendations for the
4 clinic's successful operation. The university of North Dakota school of law shall present the
5 report to the seventieth legislative assembly.

6 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

7 **FUND - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET - IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC -**

8 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and
9 improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$400,000, or so
10 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the purpose
11 of providing a grant to the university of North Dakota to fund an immigration law clinic at the
12 university of North Dakota school of law, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
13 June 30, 2027. The appropriation provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.