

SENATE BILL NO. 2282

Introduced by

Senator Kilzer

Representative Svedjan

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-52-03, 15-52-04, 15-52-16, 15-52-17,
2 15-52-18, and 15-52-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership and
3 duties of the medical center advisory council and medical center loans; and to repeal sections
4 15-52-19 and 15-52-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical center loan
5 payments and loan insurance.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **15-52-03. Medical center advisory council - Members, terms, meetings.** ~~In order to~~
10 To assure the proper coordination and integration of the North Dakota state medical center with
11 all other health and welfare activities of the state, a permanent medical center advisory council
12 is ~~hereby~~ established to advise, consult, and make recommendations to the university
13 administration, and to the several agencies represented on the council concerning the program
14 of the North Dakota state medical center, the adaptation ~~thereof~~ of the medical center to the
15 needs of the state and to the requirements and facilities of the several agencies involved, and
16 the use of the North Dakota state medical center and its facilities by the various institutions and
17 agencies of the state and its political subdivisions. The council ~~shall consist~~ consists of
18 fourteen members: two to be named by the governor; one to be named by and from the
19 membership of each of the following: the department of human services; the state board of
20 higher education, ~~or such boards or departments as shall succeed them or any of them;~~ the
21 state health officer ~~of the state department of health;~~ the North Dakota medical association; the
22 North Dakota ~~hospital~~ healthcare association; the veterans administration hospital in Fargo; the
23 house of representatives, appointed by the speaker; and the senate, appointed by the president
24 of the senate; with the remaining four members to be selected from the four campus areas of

1 the medical school with headquarters in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot. One
2 member from each quadrant ~~will~~ must be selected by the board to serve a three-year term with
3 a two-term limit. The initial appointments must be staggered.

4 The representatives named by the state agencies and boards ~~above referred to~~ must be
5 selected to serve as members of the medical center advisory council for periods of at least one
6 year, but ~~in no instance~~ may ~~they~~ not serve longer than their term of office on the public
7 agency. The representatives from the North Dakota state medical association and the North
8 Dakota ~~hospital~~ healthcare association ~~shall~~ serve a term of three years or until their
9 successors are named and qualified. The two members appointed by the governor ~~shall~~ serve
10 for three-year terms as representatives of the public at large.

11 The council shall name its own chairman and the dean of the university of North Dakota
12 medical school shall serve as executive secretary ~~thereof~~ of the council. The council shall meet
13 not less than twice each year, and, from time to time, on its own motion or upon request of the
14 university administration, to consider plans and programs of action for the North Dakota state
15 medical center and make its recommendations ~~thereon~~ to the several agencies of the state and
16 ~~its~~ political subdivisions involved and to the legislative assembly.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **15-52-04. Duties of council.** The medical center advisory council shall study,
20 consider, and formulate plans for facilitating and implementing, through ~~the instrumentality of~~
21 the North Dakota state medical center, a unified program for the improvement and maintenance
22 of the health of the people of ~~North Dakota~~ the state in all of its phases, ~~and such~~. The study
23 must include specifically ways and means of bringing about the complete training of adequate
24 numbers of qualified physicians and surgeons for the people of ~~North Dakota~~ the state, both in
25 the general practice of medicine and surgery and the field of public health, ~~the training of~~
26 ~~nurses and public health nurses~~, of allied health professionals, ~~of sanitary engineers, of public~~
27 ~~health administrators~~, and all other personnel concerned with the improvement and
28 preservation of the health of the people of ~~North Dakota~~ this state.

29 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15-52-16. Qualifications of loan applicants.** An applicant is deemed qualified only if
2 the applicant:

- 3 1. Has been a resident of ~~the~~ this state of North Dakota at least one year ~~prior to~~
4 before the date of entering medical school or dental school;
- 5 2. Has successfully completed the first year of the curriculum in medicine at the
6 university of North Dakota or has successfully completed the first year of the
7 curriculum in dentistry in ~~a qualified and reputable~~ an accredited dental school; and
- 8 3. Can present to the university satisfactory proof that the applicant ~~has been~~
9 ~~accepted~~ is enrolled as a student in the second, third, or fourth year of a qualified
10 ~~and reputable four-year~~ school of medicine accredited by the liaison committee on
11 medical education or a school of dentistry accredited by the commission on dental
12 accreditation, or will be ~~so accepted~~ enrolled upon payment of tuition.

13 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **15-52-17. Loan investigations.** The university shall make a careful investigation to
16 ascertain the truth of all matters set forth in applications received by it, ~~and for that purpose~~
17 ~~may propound such examinations and questions for each applicant as it deems proper. The~~
18 ~~investigation must include~~ including a study of the ~~ability of the applicant or the applicant's~~
19 ~~parents to pay the applicant's expenses at the university of North Dakota school of medicine or~~
20 ~~an out of state medical or dental school, and preference~~ financial need of the applicant.
21 Preference must be given to qualified applicants ~~who, or whose parents, are unable to pay the~~
22 ~~applicant's expenses at such medical or dental school~~ with demonstrated financial need.

23 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

25 **15-52-18. Amount of loans.** Loans may be granted to qualified applicants by the
26 university in amounts not in excess of ~~four~~ six thousand dollars each year for the purpose of
27 completing the second, third, and fourth year of medical or dental study in ~~a qualified and~~
28 ~~reputable four-year~~ an accredited school of medicine or dentistry.

29 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15-52-20. Loan conditions.** ~~Loans~~ A loan granted by the university under section
2 15-52-10 and sections 15-52-15 through 15-52-28 ~~are to~~ must be upon the condition that the
3 full amount ~~thereof~~ of the loan must be repaid in cash with interest not to exceed six percent
4 ~~interest~~ annually from the date of each payment pursuant to a loan agreement, ~~the~~. The
5 interest rate may be established annually at a lower level than six percent to coincide with
6 average federal Stafford loan interest rate. The repayment ~~to~~ must be in yearly installments on
7 a schedule set by the university ~~and~~ with the first installment becoming due and payable one
8 year from the date on which the applicant begins practice, but ~~under no circumstances to~~ may
9 not exceed five years from the date of graduation or one year from the date of graduation from
10 a dental school if a dental student.

11 **SECTION 7. REPEAL.** Sections 15-52-19 and 15-52-24 of the North Dakota Century
12 Code are repealed.