

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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~~ selected by and the
19 chairman of the legislative council from ~~the membership of~~ each of the following: two members
20 of the senate and two members of the house of representatives; the department of human
21 services; the state board of higher education, ~~or such boards or departments as shall succeed~~
22 ~~them or any of them;~~ the state ~~health officer of the state~~ department of health; the North Dakota
23 medical association; the North Dakota ~~hospital~~ healthcare association; and the veterans
24 administration hospital in Fargo; ~~the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker; and~~

1 ~~the senate, appointed by the president of the senate; with.~~ The dean of the university of North
2 Dakota medical school shall select the remaining four members ~~to be selected~~ from the four
3 campus areas of the medical school with headquarters in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and
4 Minot. ~~One member from each quadrant will be selected by the board to serve a three-year~~
5 ~~term with a two-term limit. The initial appointments must be staggered.~~

6 ~~The representatives named by the state agencies and boards above referred to must be~~
7 ~~selected to serve as members of the medical center advisory council for periods of at least one~~
8 ~~year, but in no instance may they serve longer than their term of office on the public agency.~~
9 ~~The representatives from the North Dakota state medical association and the North Dakota~~
10 ~~hospital healthcare association shall serve a term of three years or until their successors are~~
11 ~~named and qualified. The two members appointed by the governor shall serve for three year~~
12 ~~terms as representatives of the public at large.~~

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

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

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

1 the state, including a review of the need for nurses and primary care physicians, by specialty.
2 The council shall include in its study a review of the geographical distribution of the health
3 manpower needs throughout the state. The council shall make recommendations as a result of
4 its study to the legislative assembly. The legislative assembly may approve or reject any
5 recommendation submitted by the council.

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

8 **15-52-16. Qualifications of loan applicants.** An applicant is deemed qualified only if
9 the applicant:

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

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

23 **15-52-17. Loan investigations.** The university shall make a careful investigation to
24 ascertain the truth of all matters set forth in applications received by it, ~~and for that purpose~~
25 ~~may propound such examinations and questions for each applicant as it deems proper. The~~
26 ~~investigation must include~~ including a study of the ability of the applicant or the applicant's
27 ~~parents to pay the applicant's expenses at the university of North Dakota school of medicine or~~
28 ~~an out-of-state medical or dental school, and preference~~ financial need of the applicant.
29 Preference must be given to qualified applicants ~~who, or whose parents, are unable to pay the~~
30 ~~applicant's expenses at such medical or dental school~~ with demonstrated financial need.

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

3 **15-52-18. Amount of loans.** Loans may be granted to qualified applicants by the
4 university in amounts not in excess of ~~four~~ six thousand dollars each year for the purpose of
5 completing the second, third, and fourth year of medical or dental study in ~~a qualified and~~
6 ~~reputable four-year~~ an accredited school of medicine or dentistry.

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

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

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