

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

Introduced by

Representatives Wrangham, S. Kelsh

Senator Tollefson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-20.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to medical transcription schools; and to provide an expiration date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.4-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-20.4-04. Minimum standards - Exceptions.** All postsecondary educational
7 institutions must be accredited by national or regional accrediting agencies recognized by the
8 United States department of education. The board may additionally require such further
9 evidence and make such further investigation as in its judgment may be necessary. Any
10 postsecondary educational institution operating in this state seeking its first authorization to
11 operate may be issued a provisional authorization to operate on an annual basis until the
12 institution becomes eligible for accreditation by a recognized accrediting agency. Upon
13 completion of the accreditation process, the institution shall submit evidence of accreditation, or
14 a substantial good-faith showing of progress toward such status. Only upon accreditation shall
15 an institution become eligible for a regular authorization to operate. This section does not apply
16 to ~~postsecondary~~:

- 17 1. Postsecondary educational institutions operating in this state and enrolling ten
18 or fewer students; and
19 2. Medical transcription schools.

20 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2007, and
21 after that date is ineffective.