

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2303

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

Representative Price

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to creation of a health information technology steering committee; and
3 to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota health information technology steering committee - Grants.**

- 8 1. The North Dakota health information technology steering committee consists of the
9 state health officer, the governor or the governor's designee, the executive director
10 of the department of human services or the executive director's designee,
11 individuals appointed by the governor to represent state government interests, and
12 individuals appointed by the state health officer to represent health information
13 technology stakeholders, which may include:
- 14 a. Rural and urban health care facilities and organizations;
 - 15 b. Rural and urban economic development entities;
 - 16 c. Technology businesses;
 - 17 d. Academic and research institutions;
 - 18 e. The federal government;
 - 19 f. Rural and urban health care providers;
 - 20 g. Quality improvement organizations;
 - 21 h. Third-party payers;
 - 22 i. Health information management;
 - 23 j. Consumers;
 - 24 k. The North Dakota healthcare association; and

- 1 1. The North Dakota medical association.
- 2 2. Steering committee members appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of
- 3 the governor. Steering committee members appointed by the state health officer
- 4 serve at the pleasure of the state health officer and may represent one or more
- 5 interests. The state health officer may appoint more than one individual to
- 6 represent a single interest. The state department of health shall provide or
- 7 arrange for administrative services to assist the steering committee.
- 8 3. The steering committee shall make recommendations for implementing a
- 9 statewide interoperable health information infrastructure that is consistent with
- 10 emerging national standards, promotes the adoption and use of electronic health
- 11 records and other health information technologies, and promotes interoperability of
- 12 health information systems for the purpose of improving health care quality, patient
- 13 safety, and overall efficiency of health care and public health services. The
- 14 steering committee shall develop a grant program to assist in the planning and
- 15 implementation of health information technology projects. The steering committee
- 16 may accept and expend contributions, gifts, and grants from the federal
- 17 government, private industry, and other sources and may enter contracts for
- 18 purposes consistent with this section.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
20 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much
21 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of defraying
22 the costs of the North Dakota health information technology steering committee and associated
23 grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.