

HOUSE BILL NO. 1512

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Delzer, Kreidt, Price

Senators Klein, J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for use of postgraduate residency training programs to provide
2 primary health care to the uninsured and underinsured and to train and retain primary health
3 care providers; to provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Postgraduate medical residency training programs in primary health**
6 **care - Services to the uninsured and underinsured - Grants - Report.**

7 1. The state department of health shall establish and administer a program through
8 which postgraduate medical residency training programs and clinics in the state
9 provide primary health care to low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents
10 of the state. A postgraduate medical residency training program may not
11 participate in this program unless the residency training program meets minimum
12 requirements established by the state department of health which must include the
13 requirement the residency training program be accredited by the accreditation
14 council on graduate medical education and the requirement the residency training
15 program provide primary health care.

16 2. The state department of health shall establish a quadrant system that provides for
17 a single residency program in each quadrant to serve as the headquarters for that
18 quadrant for participation in the program established under this section. If the
19 quadrant includes a family practice residency program of the university of North
20 Dakota school of medicine and health sciences, the department shall give
21 preference to that program in determining the headquarters. If a family practice
22 residency program of the university does not operate in the quadrant, the
23 department shall give preference to a family practice postgraduate medical

1 residency training program of an organization exempt from federal taxation under
2 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3 3. Each postgraduate medical residency training program of the university of North
4 Dakota school of medicine and health sciences which provides primary health care
5 shall participate in the program established under this section.

6 4. The state department of health shall seek to contract with postgraduate medical
7 residency training programs that provide primary health care and primary care
8 clinics operating in this state to participate in the program established under this
9 section. The department shall give preference in awarding a contract in a quadrant
10 in the following order: a family practice postgraduate medical residency training
11 program, an internal medicine residency training program that provides primary
12 health care, and an existing primary care clinic in the quadrant which demonstrates
13 an ability to secure program funds from other private and public sources.

14 5. The state department of health shall award grants on a competitive basis to
15 postgraduate medical residency training programs participating in the program.
16 The state department of health shall award competitive grants to primary health
17 care clinics located in the quadrant which demonstrate a commitment to caring for
18 the uninsured and the underinsured. The state department of health shall use an
19 equitable formula for designating the amount of grants available in each quadrant.
20 A recipient of a grant awarded under this section may use the grant funds for
21 expenses directly associated with uncompensated care provided under the
22 program. A recipient of a grant awarded under this section may not use grant
23 funds for regular costs associated with postgraduate residency training, capital
24 construction, or regular costs associated with the business of operating a clinic.

25 6. Before August first of every even-numbered year, the state health officer shall
26 provide a report to the legislative council regarding the status of the program. The
27 report must include information regarding administrative expenses, quadrant
28 organization, grant awards and recipient use of grant funds, and patients served.

29 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
30 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,000,000, or so
31 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of

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- 1 administering and funding the health care service program under section 1 of this Act, for the
- 2 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The state department of health's
- 3 administrative expenses under this program may not exceed \$50,000 for the biennium.