

**SENATE BILL NO. 2077**

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-52-10, 15-52-15, 15-52-16, 15-52-18,  
2 15-52-20, 15-52-26, and 15-52-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the University  
3 of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences revolving loan fund.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-52-10. ~~Medical center~~ School of medicine and health sciences revolving loan**  
8 **fund.** ~~There is hereby created a medical center~~ The school of medicine and health sciences  
9 ~~loan fund which~~ must be administered as a revolving loan fund by the university of North  
10 Dakota under the direction and control of the state board of higher education. As used  
11 ~~hereafter~~ in this chapter, the word "university" means the university of North Dakota under the  
12 direction and control of the state board of higher education. All moneys transferred into the  
13 fund, interest upon moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund of principal and interest on  
14 loans made from the fund are appropriated for the purpose of providing loans to qualified  
15 applicants.

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

18 **15-52-15. Duties related to loan fund.** ~~It is the duty of the~~ The university ~~to~~ shall  
19 receive and pass upon, and ~~to~~ allow or disallow, all applications for loans submitted by qualified  
20 applicants who desire to complete an education in medicine or dentistry for the purpose of  
21 entering medical or dental practice ~~in the state of North Dakota.~~ ~~It is also the duty of the~~  
22 ~~university to compile a list of cities, towns, and other municipalities in this state without a~~  
23 ~~qualified physician or dentist or with an insufficient number of qualified physicians or dentists,~~  
24 ~~and to endeavor to supply physicians or dentists to such cities, towns, and other municipalities.~~

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

3           **15-52-16. Qualifications of loan applicants.** An applicant is deemed qualified only if  
4 the applicant:

- 5           1. ~~Has been a resident of this state at least one year before the date of entering~~  
6           ~~medical school or dental school;~~
- 7           2. ~~Has successfully completed the first year of the curriculum in medicine at the~~  
8           ~~university of North Dakota or has successfully completed the first year of the~~  
9           ~~curriculum in dentistry in an accredited dental school~~ Meets the criteria as a  
10           resident for tuition purposes as defined by section 15-10-19.1; and
- 11          ~~3.~~ 2. Can ~~is~~ enrolled as a medical student of the university of North Dakota school of  
12           medicine and health sciences or can present to the university satisfactory proof  
13           that the applicant is enrolled as a student ~~in the second, third, or fourth year of a~~  
14           ~~school of medicine accredited by the liaison committee on medical education or of~~  
15           a school of dentistry accredited by the commission on dental accreditation, or will  
16           be enrolled upon payment of tuition.

17           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19           **15-52-18. Amount of loans.** Loans may be granted to qualified applicants by the  
20 university in amounts not in excess of ~~six~~ ten thousand dollars each year ~~for the purpose of~~  
21 ~~completing the second, third, and fourth year of medical or dental study in an accredited school~~  
22 ~~of medicine or dentistry.~~

23           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

25           **15-52-20. Loan conditions.** A loan granted by the university under section 15-52-10  
26 and sections 15-52-15 through 15-52-28 must be upon the condition that the full amount of the  
27 loan must be repaid in cash with interest not to exceed six percent annually from the date of  
28 each payment pursuant to a loan agreement. The ~~medical center~~ school of medicine and  
29 health sciences advisory council may annually establish an interest rate at a level lower than six  
30 percent. The repayment must be in yearly installments on a schedule set by the university with  
31 the first installment becoming due and payable one year from the date on which the applicant

1 begins practice, but may not exceed ~~five~~ six years from the date of graduation or one year from  
2 the date of graduation from a dental school if a dental student.

3 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **15-52-26. Availability of funds.** The state board of higher education is hereby  
6 directed and authorized to make available to the university, from the portion of the proceeds of  
7 the one-mill levy provided by section 10 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota as the  
8 state board of higher education shall have retained in its possession pursuant to the provisions  
9 of section 15-52-09 ~~for the purpose of establishing third-year and fourth-year courses of~~  
10 ~~medicine at the university of North Dakota~~, such funds as may be required for the operation of  
11 the ~~medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences revolving loan fund, but not in  
12 excess of one hundred thousand dollars in any one year.

13 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **15-52-27. Purposes of loan fund.** The purposes of section 15-52-10 and sections  
16 15-52-15 through 15-52-28 are hereby declared to be to develop and maintain the ~~North~~  
17 ~~Dakota state medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences by making it possible for  
18 all qualified students attending such ~~center~~ school to complete their education in medicine or in  
19 the case of dental students who are residents of the state of North Dakota to complete their  
20 education in dentistry.