

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-32, a new section to chapter  
2 43-41, a new section to chapter 43-45, a new section to chapter 43-47, a new section to chapter  
3 43-53, and two new sections to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
4 administrative services provided to occupational boards; to amend and reenact section  
5 54-59-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to information technology services  
6 provided to occupational boards; and to provide an appropriation.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 43-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
9 and enacted as follows:

10 **Board administrative services.**

11 The board shall collaborate with the office of the governor for administrative services under  
12 section 6 of this Act.

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 43-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
14 and enacted as follows:

15 **Board administrative services.**

16 The board shall collaborate with the office of the governor for administrative services under  
17 section 6 of this Act.

18 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 43-45 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
19 and enacted as follows:

20 **Board administrative services.**

21 The board shall collaborate with the office of the governor for administrative services under  
22 section 6 of this Act.

23 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 43-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
24 and enacted as follows:

1        **Board administrative services.**

2        The board shall collaborate with the office of the governor for administrative services under  
3 section 6 of this Act.

4        **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 43-53 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6        **Board administrative services.**

7        The board shall collaborate with the office of the governor for administrative services under  
8 section 6 of this Act.

9        **SECTION 6.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
10 and enacted as follows:

11       **Board administrative services.**

12       The office of the governor shall provide administrative services to the North Dakota state  
13 board of psychologist examiners, North Dakota board of social work examiners, board of  
14 addiction counseling examiners, board of counselor examiners, and North Dakota marriage and  
15 family therapy licensure board. The office of the governor shall collaborate with each  
16 occupational board designated in this section to provide the following administrative services:

- 17       1. Initial licensure and licensure renewal application processing subject to board  
18       approval;
- 19       2. Documentation and auditing of continuing education of licensed individuals;
- 20       3. Budgeting and other financial services, including processing of licensure and other fee  
21       payments;
- 22       4. Human resource services, including assistance with payroll functions;
- 23       5. Procurement and contracting services pursuant to chapter 54-44.4;
- 24       6. Records management pursuant to chapter 54-46; and
- 25       7. Coordination of information technology services provided by the information  
26       technology department pursuant to chapter 54-59.

27       **SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
28 and enacted as follows:

29       **Board administrative fees.**

30       The office of the governor may charge a fee for the cost of the administrative services  
31 provided to each occupational board under section 6 of this Act. The office of the governor shall

1 deposit all fees collected under this section in the governor's special fund. Fee revenue may be  
2 used, subject to legislative appropriations, only for providing administrative services to the  
3 occupational boards designated in section 6 of this Act.

4 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-59-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-59-01. Definitions.**

7 As used in this chapter:

- 8 1. "Agency" or "entity" does not include any agricultural commodity promotion group or  
9 any occupational or professional board, except occupational or professional boards  
10 designated in section 6 of this Act.
- 11 2. "Cybersecurity" means processes or capabilities, wherein, systems, communications,  
12 and information are protected and defended against damage, unauthorized use or  
13 modification, and exploitation.
- 14 3. "Cybersecurity strategy" means a vision, plan of action, or guiding principles. Unless  
15 otherwise defined in this chapter, the term does not mean an associated operational  
16 plan.
- 17 4. "Department" means the information technology department.
- 18 5. "Information technology" means the use of hardware, software, services, and  
19 supporting infrastructure to manage and deliver information using voice, data, and  
20 video.
- 21 6. "Network services" means the equipment, software, and services necessary to  
22 transmit voice, data, or video.

23 **SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the governor's  
24 special fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or so  
25 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of the governor for the purpose of providing  
26 administrative services to occupational boards, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and  
27 ending June 30, 2025.

**NOTE:** This bill draft contains blanks that must be filled in before introduction.