

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

Introduced by

Representatives Motschenbacher, Hauck, Longmuir, Morton, Novak, Schauer, Sanford, Bahl,
Fisher, Vetter

Senator Gerhardt

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a North Dakota accelerated degree for high-demand
3 occupations.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota accelerated degree - High-demand occupations.**

- 8 1. An A North Dakota accelerated degree is an optional substitute for any degree that
9 prepares a student for a high-demand occupation, as designated under subsection 2,
10 which may be offered by an institution under the control of the state board of higher
11 education ~~may:~~
- 12 ~~a. Offer a North Dakota accelerated degree as an optional substitute for any degree~~
13 ~~offered by the institution which prepares a student for a high-demand occupation;~~
- 14 ~~b. Determine annually which degrees offered by the institution prepare students for~~
15 ~~a high-demand occupation;~~
- 16 ~~c. Provide a list of North Dakota accelerated degrees to the appropriate~~
17 ~~occupational and professional boards; and~~
- 18 ~~d. Not require a student to obtain. The requirements for the degree may not include~~
19 general education credits ~~for a North Dakota accelerated degree.~~

- 1 2. ~~Upon review of an individual's application for a license to practice in a profession-~~
2 ~~designated as a high-demand occupation by an institution under the control of the-~~
3 ~~state board of higher education, an~~For purposes of this section, an occupational or
4 professional board may designate an occupation or profession as a high-demand
5 occupation. An occupational or professional board may revoke the designation at any
6 time. However, if a student relies on a current designation when the student begins a
7 program for a North Dakota accelerated degree, the degree must be recognized in
8 accordance with subsection 3.
- 9 3. ~~An occupational or professional board shall approve~~may recognize a North Dakota
10 accelerated degree ~~and recognize the degree~~as an accredited program for licensing
11 purposes.
- 12 4. ~~The state board of higher education may adopt rules under chapter 28-32 to~~
13 implement this section.