

**SENATE BILL NO. 2221**

Introduced by

Senators Roers, Larson, Rummel

Representatives Lefor, Nathe, Rohr

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15-10-38.1 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the skilled workforce student loan repayment  
3 program; and to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15-10-38.2 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to eligibility for the skilled workforce scholarship program.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 15-10-38.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 The requirement under subdivision c of subsection 4 is met if an individual completed  
9 a master of science degree in nursing while teaching four clinical credits per year and  
10 resides and works in this state in an occupation requiring the degree.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 15-10-38.2 of the North Dakota  
12 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 4. The state board of higher education and the workforce development council shall  
14 compile a list of qualifying educational programs annually. A qualifying educational  
15 program is:

16 a. Is a program resulting in attainment of an associate's degree or lower credential  
17 program that may be completed within four semesters, six quarters, or the final  
18 two years of a baccalaureate program. ~~A qualifying educational program also~~  
19 ~~must~~

20 b. Must pertain to the professional and technical skills and emerging occupations in  
21 high demand in this state, as determined under subsection 3. ~~Qualifying~~  
22 ~~educational programs may~~

23 c. May include degree or certificate programs.

- 1           d. Notwithstanding any other requirements under this subsection, is a master of
- 2           science degree in nursing, if the individual teaches four clinical credits per
- 3           calendar year.