Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Sanford, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Sickler

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of the immigration law clinic at the university of North Dakota school of law; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Immigration law clinic.

1. The university of North Dakota school of law shall employ one full-time staff attorney for the immigration law clinic. The immigration law clinic attorney may not have more than sixty matters open at any one time.
2. Between five and ten students may participate in the immigration law clinic. A law school student may be assigned to handle approximately one matter per semester.
3. The immigration law clinic must be divided into clinic I and clinic II, and offered to a law school student as an introductory course and an advanced course, respectively.
4. Legal services may be provided and legal work may be done remotely, depending on the needs of the client.
5. The immigration law clinic shall apply for grants for the repayment of filing fees, attorney's fees, relocation expenses, and other costs associated with the immigration law clinic.
6. The university of North Dakota law school may charge nominal fees, including fees associated with obtaining an H class visa, as needed, to operate the immigration law clinic.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET - IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in

the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $400,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the purpose of providing a grant to the university of North Dakota to fund an immigration law clinic at the university of North Dakota school of law, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.