

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/06/2015

Amendment to: HB 1353

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Expenditures			\$32,494	\$32,489	\$34,786	\$34,768
Appropriations			\$32,494	\$32,489	\$34,786	\$34,768

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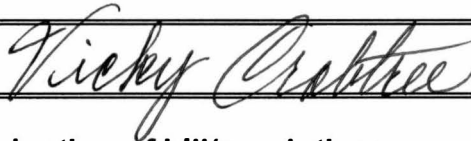
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Human Services Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1353
2/3/2015
Job #23083

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Non-allowable costs in determining nursing home rates.

Minutes:

Testimony 1

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on HB 1353.

Rep. Gary Kreidt: From District 33 in New Salem introduced and supported the bill. This bill would allow a facility to give them the \$15,000 for the first year; for someone going into the nursing field that would probably cover the tuition for the first year. We encourage this committee to pass this.

5:18

Rep. Porter: Is the nursing facility giving a lump sum to the educational facility? Are you paying the full \$15,000 up front or are you asking for the ability to write the amount up front and stagger the investment into the student?

5:45

Rep. Kreidt: What we use to do is have them bring in a receipt from the college then we would issue the individual a check to make a payment to the school. They are still doing it the same way.

Chairman Weisz: Number 3 still limits it to the year in which it is expended.

Rep. Kreidt: We would need the documentation. To receive this money for schooling they have to work with the facility for a certain amount of time. If they leave the facility before that time, they have to pay back the facility what it feels is still owed.

9:09

Shelly Peterson: President of the ND Long Term Care Association testified in support of the bill. (See Testimony #1)

13:17

Rep. Porter: How big of deal is it with the uncollectable? What is sitting on the books that are currently uncollectable from the individual who got the money?

Peterson: There is \$5,737 in repayment and were subtracted. So for loans we are out \$5,737 and for scholarships \$11,023 for the most current reporting period.

Rep. Porter: Have you had any discussion with your group of putting a component inside of here that they lose their professional license if they don't repay that amount. They are stealing from us and the facility.

Peterson: We haven't discussed that. Generally on scholarship money they go to school and then they don't become a nurse. The student loan would be disallowed because they didn't become a nurse. More and more facilities are going with repayment of loans.

Rep. Porter: I'm looking at the uncollectable component. I think the facility should have the ability to have some teeth and not just normal collection processes and credit ratings.

Peterson: We could go back and discuss it with them.

Rep. Porter: On page 2, line 7 explain how that component of the bill is meant to work. If we are taking out the 3750 language and having the maximum of \$15,000 then that component coming back in brings it back to the 3750 component.

Peterson: I don't believe that was our intent. The way we are reading it is, an individual who receives the full maximum of \$15,000 shall commit to four years of service after completion of the educational programs. The number of years of service required may be prorated for an individual who receives less than the maximum \$15,000. If you only receive \$10,000 out of the \$15,000 then we will prorate four years of service. You may have to work three years rather than four for us.

Rep. Porter: Inside of four years of service are you talking full time or part time employment? When you change it from per hour to number of years you are losing the 20/80 component of the meaning of the bill in the first place.

Peterson: I can see where that is a flaw there and we could better define that. We would be open to your amendment to clarify that.

Chairman Weisz: Wouldn't the contract clarify that? Under current law they wouldn't even have to work a year.

Peterson: They have to work a minimum of 1,000 (inaudible) for each year of employment. About 30-32 hours a week.

Rep. Mooney: Out of the numbers on the two charts how many students does that represent?

Peterson: No I don't. We could survey facilities that are using it and see how many students. I'll get back at you.

NO OPPOSITION:

Chairman Weisz: I have a question for you LeAnn on the fiscal note. The fiscal note seems to imply that the fiscal note would go up, but after the first biennium wouldn't they be the same as they are currently?

LeAnn Thiel: From DHS. The fiscal note was based a \$15,000 maximum in 2 years instead of 4. There is an impact in the 2017-19, but after that the impact would go away.

Chairman Weisz: I'm not sure on the 17-19 though.

Thiel: Because there are 18 months in each biennium. The 2015 rates have already been established.

Chairman Weisz closed the hearing on HB 1353.

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Human Services Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

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Minutes:

Chairman Weisz: Let's look at 1353

Rep. Fehr: Is there a definition somewhere on what is full time employment?

Chairman Weisz: The federal is 32 hours. I don't know if the state law has a definition.

Rep. Hofstad: I offer an amendment that we remove the overstrike over 1,664 hours and remove the overstrike over "employment" and insert after that, "each year for".

Rep. Fehr: Second.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Rep. Seibel: I move a Do Pass As Amended on HB 1353.

Rep. D. Anderson: Second.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 13 y 0 n 0 absent.

Bill Carrier: Rep. Seibel

February 17, 2015

2/17/15

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

Page 2, line 5, remove the overstrike over "~~a minimum of one thousand six hundred sixty-four hours of~~"

Page 2, line 6, remove the overstrike over "~~employment~~" and insert immediately thereafter "each year for"

Renumber accordingly

Roll Call Vote #:

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1353

Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description:

Recommendation:

☒ Adopt Amendment

☐ Do Pass☐ Do Not Pass☐ Without Committee Recommendation☐ As Amended

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations

☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions:

☐ Reconsider☐

Motion Made By

Seconded By

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz			Rep. Mooney		
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Rep. Dick Anderson					
Rep. Rich S. Becker					
Rep. Damschen					
Rep. Fehr					
Rep. Kiefert					
Rep. Porter					
Rep. Seibel					

Total

(Yes)

No

Absent

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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remove overstrike "1664 hours"
remove overstrike over "employment"
insert "each year for"

Date: 2-17-15
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1353

House Human Services Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☒ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Rep. Seibel Seconded By Rep. D. Anderson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
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Rep. Fehr	✓				
Rep. Kiefert	✓				
Rep. Porter	✓				
Rep. Seibel	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Seibel

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1353: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1353 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to nonallowable costs in determining nursing home rates

Minutes:

Attach #1: Testimony by Shelly Peterson

No one introduced HB 1353 to the Senate Human Services Committee.

Shelly Peterson, President of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, testified IN FAVOR of HB 1353 (attach #1). (end 7:00)

Senator Warner asked if the two programs are mutually exclusive, or can a student use both of them at different times in their career.

Ms. Peterson responded that she doesn't know that you can't use both, but the key is that you cannot exceed \$15,000 per individual.

Senator Warner further asked if they are using the scholarship program to elevate Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in a career ladder or recruiting at the high school level.

Ms. Peterson responded a little bit of everything. They have had a great initiative in recruiting youth working with Partners in Nursing Project through NDSU to get interest of high school students and parents. They also work with job shadowing, working with CNA's within a facility, dietary aides, or middle age women who may be interested in a career ladder or career change.

Chairman Judy Lee asked if that would be one of the reasons why they may not be working full time because they may be students as well. **Ms. Peterson** confirmed yes.

Chairman Judy Lee asked if someone is working half time, is there a length of time.

Ms. Peterson stated with the proposed amendment, to be eligible for the entire \$15,000, they must work an equivalent of 6,656 hours over whatever time you want to commit. It

could be three years, six years, ten years, etc. We are trying to be flexible to meet the needs of the individual as well as the needs of the person.

Chairman Judy Lee asked if there was any downside for anybody by making the proposed change. **Ms. Peterson** responded none that she was aware of.

Senator Warner asked if this was a further change from the House version of the bill.

Ms. Peterson answered it is a further change. In the bill as it is, it requires four years of services. The concern is that someone could work ten hours a week for four years, and they would meet the criteria but it doesn't get to the intent of the 6,656 hours. To provide the flexibility, we thought the new proposed amendment would be better, requiring the hours and the flexibility of time.

Chairman Judy Lee requested that Ms. Peterson provide proposed language for the amendment.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen asked when someone would apply for the loan repayment. Is it after a 90-day probation period or some other time?

Ms. Peterson stated it would be different at each facility. It is also possible that it could be a high school student that we are recruiting and they aren't working for us, so they are not technically in a probation period.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen continued that if they are working for the facility and the funds are available for them, would they get the \$15,000 up-front. **Ms. Peterson** clarified that is the way the bill would read after the proposed amendment. The way it currently is, it is \$3,750 per year.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen continued if the person is working 10 hours, or whatever their schedule is, and then decide to leave that facility and go to a different facility, does this follow them or do they start over, or is it only a one-time deal.

Ms. Peterson answered that if they quit the facility that gave them the loan, that loan would have to repaid. Ms. Peterson was unsure of any circumstance where this has occurred.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen gave example of student loan process in auto facility, if they left, they were done.

Chairman Judy Lee stated that each agreement is separate and independent with each facility. **Ms. Peterson** confirmed this to be true.

OPPOSITION TO HB 1353

No opposing testimony to HB 1353.

NEUTRAL TO HB 1353

No neutral testimony to HB 1353.

Senator Dever stated that the \$3,750 per year equates to the \$15,000 over four years. What about two year nursing programs?

Ms. Peterson answered that even a two year and/or a one year Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), tuition costs can be \$15,000. We would still pay out, whether it be a bachelorette nurse, or a 2 year RN, or a 1 year LPN, up to \$15,000 per person. There needs to be documented evidence of the loans or tuition. You cannot pay interest on that loan.

Senator Dever currently 2 year nurse can access \$7,500. This would increase to \$15,000, so there is an increase in cost.

Ms. Peterson stated the fiscal note addresses the cost coming sooner to the facility. The committee discussed the cost, and afterwards, decided that the maximum would still only be \$15,000 per person.

Chairman Judy Lee read the fiscal note sections. It didn't go through appropriations because small enough number.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen asked for clarification. Someone could get a CNA certificate, get a \$15,000 loan from Bank of North Dakota, so it could be masters or certificate.

Ms. Peterson clarified correct, but cannot pay interest.

Closed Public Hearing.

Committee Discussion

V. Chairman Oley Larsen provided an example in the automotive field, it is a great way to grow your own students, work in local communities, help pay for their school. It is embraced and strongly supported. It does lock that person into the community; this can lead to some issues. But it is great for students who have nothing and go to jobs and get it paid off.

Senator Warner agreed with V. Chairman Oley Larsen. It would be difficult to make this a global process and be linked to specific institutions.

Senator Dever the benefit of this is to the institution and not to the student - they pass it on to the student.

Chairman Judy Lee if facility is willing to invest in them for non-allowable cost, they are expecting that person to come back. If not, it is a loan repayment.

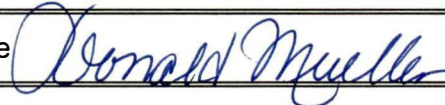
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Minutes:

Attach #1: Proposed Amendment by Peterson

The Senate Human Services Committee met on March 04, 2015 for HB 1353 at 1:54 p.m.

(1:45)

Shelly Peterson, President of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, distributed a proposed amendment to the engrossed bill. (attach #1). On page 2, line 5, the issue is to keep the \$15,000 maximum but also have a maximum number of hours, 6,656 hours, so they can complete that within any amount of time rather than restrict it to the four year period of time. On page 2, line 5, replace 1,664 with 6,656, and then page 2, line 6, remove "each year for four years of service". Then on Page 2, line 8, replace "years of service" with "hours of employment".

Senator Howard Anderson, Jr. moved the Senate Human Services Committee to ADOPT AMENDMENT. The motion was seconded by **V. Chairman Oley Larsen**.

Discussion

Senator Dever confirmed that the style may be different, with "strikeout". **Chairman Judy Lee** confirmed.

Roll Call Vote to ADOPT AMENDMENT

6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

Senator Howard Anderson, Jr. moved the Senate Human Services Committee DO PASS HB 1353 AS AMENDED. The motion was seconded by **V. Chairman Oley Larsen**.

Discussion

Senator Warner asked when the nursing home report the cost; at the time the contract is made with the student, or at the time the money is actually expended.

Ms. Peterson answered it is when the money is expended. It goes into the cost reporting year of that year. Ms. Peterson provided the example where if a scholarship was given in

September 2015, the cost reporting year would began July 1st, so they would report it on their June 30, 2016 cost report. Previously, the maximum that could be reported per year is \$3,750. This would allow them to report \$15,000 if they indeed give the full amount out.

Senator Warner if the student does not fulfill the term, at the end of 8 years, anticipating a 32 hours week and they work 20, is there a required time?

Ms. Peterson currently has to complete in four years. In passing the amendment, as long as they put in the 6,656 hours, they could have that over whatever period of time is agreed to in the contract. It potentially could happen that someone could drag it out for 20+ years, but the contract likely won't be stated.

Senator Warner thinking about cost recovery, but that is nursing home business.

Senator Howard Anderson, Jr. it would be prudent for the facility to have a specified time frame.

Ms. Peterson agreed. They are used to having contracts now.

Roll Call Vote to DO PASS AS AMENDED
6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen will carry HB 1353 to the floor.

March 4, 2015

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1353

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Page 2, line 6, remove "each year for four years of service"

Page 2, line 8, replace "years of service" with "hours of employment"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 03/04 2015
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1353

Senate Human Services Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: Shelly Peterson (Attach #1) 15. 06.95.02001 Title. 03000

Recommendation: ☒ Adopt Amendment
☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Sen. Anderson Seconded By Sen. Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee (Chairman)	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Senator Oley Larsen (V-Chair)	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 03/04 2015
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1353

Senate Human Services Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: 15.0695.02001 Title 03000

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation
☒ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations
☐ Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ _____

Motion Made By Sen Anderson Seconded By Sen Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee (Chairman)	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Senator Oley Larsen (V-Chair)	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Larsen

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1353, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman)
recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends
DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1353
was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "one thousand six hundred sixty-four" and insert immediately
thereafter "six thousand six hundred fifty-six"

Page 2, line 6, remove "each year for four years of service"

Page 2, line 8, replace "years of service" with "hours of employment"

Renumber accordingly

2015 TESTIMONY

HB 1353

#1

Testimony on HB 1353
House Human Services Committee
February 3, 2015

Good Morning Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee. My name is Shelly Peterson, President of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association. We represent 211 Assisted Living, Basic Care and Nursing Facility members. I am here today in support of HB 1353.

For many years you have allowed though rate setting the ability of Nursing Facilities to provide nursing scholarships and loan repayments. This has been and continues to be a great mechanism to recruit and retain staff. Originally \$8,000 per person was allowed. In the 2009 session you increased the maximum amount to \$15,000 per person, to better recognized the increased cost of education. HB 1353 removes the per year limit of \$3,750 but retains the overall limit of \$15,000.

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Thank you for your consideration of HB 1353. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Towner County Medical Center	3,169	3,169	0	0
Golden Acres Manor Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Heartland Care Center	3,330	3,330	0	9,168
Griggs County Care Center	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's Sunrise Care Nursing	0	0	0	0
Garrison Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	0
Sanford Hillsboro Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Marian Manor Healthcare Center	0	0	0	0
St. Gerard's Community Nursing Home	11,250	7,500	(3,750)	0
Tri-County Health Center	0	0	0	0
Nelson County Health System Care Center	0	0	0	0
Trinity Homes	0	0	0	0
Sanford Health Continuing Care Center Off Collins	0	0	0	0
Strasburg Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Tioga Medical Center	5,000	3,750	(1,250)	0
Wishek Living Center	0	0	0	0
Parkview Health Center	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Arthur	0	0	0	0
Baptist Home	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Bottineau	0	0	0	0
Southwest Healthcare Services	0	0	0	0
Wedgewood Manor	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Devils Lake	2,500	0	(2,500)	0
St. Benedict's Health Center	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's Home	0	0	0	0
Dunseith Community Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Prince of Peace Care Center	0	0	0	0
Maryhill Manor	0	0	0	0
Bethany on University	25,609	25,609	0	(9,911)
Elim Care Center	0	0	0	0
Rosewood on Broadway	0	0	0	0
Villa Maria Health Care	1,000	1,000	0	0
Four Seasons Health Care	1,250	1,250	0	0
Benedictine Living Center of Garrison	0	0	0	0
Lutheran Sunset Home	0	0	0	0
Ave Maria Village	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Lakota	0	0	0	0
St. Rose Care Center	0	0	0	0

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Good Samaritan Society Larimore	0	0	0	0
Sanford Health Sunset Dr Continuing Care Ctr	0	0	0	0
Luther Memorial Home	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Mohall	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Mott	0	0	0	0
Napoleon Care Center	0	0	0	0
Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd	0	0	0	0
Elm Crest Manor	0	0	0	0
Northwood Deaconess Health Center	398	398	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Oakes	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Park River	0	0	0	0
Mountrail Bethel Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Sheyenne Care Center	2,408	2,408	0	0
Souris Valley Care Center	0	0	0	0
St. Catherine's Living Center	0	0	0	0
Pembilier Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
McKenzie County Healthcare	0	0	0	0
Bethel Lutheran Nursing & Rehab	0	0	0	0
Knife River Care Center	0	0	0	0
Heart of America Medical Center	0	0	0	0
Parkside Lutheran Home	0	0	0	0
Rolette Community Care Center	0	0	0	0
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Valley Eldercare Center	10,673	6,208	(4,465)	0
Woodside Village	8,168	9,500	1,332	0
Hill Top Home of Comfort Inc.	0	0	0	0
North Dakota Veterans Home	0	0	0	0
Manor Care of Fargo ND LLC	0	0	0	0
Manor Care of Minot ND, LLC	0	0	0	0
Western Horizons Living Center	0	0	0	0
Richardton Health Center	0	0	0	0
Bethany on 42nd	21,855	21,855	0	0
Sheyenne Crossings Care Center	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Bismarck	0	0	0	0
St. Gabriel's Community	0	0	0	0
Eventide Jamestown LLC	0	0	0	0
Total	112,933	101,562	(11,371)	5,737

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Ashley Medical Center	0	0	0	0
Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center	0	0	0	0
Sanford Health St Vincent's Continuing Care Center	0	0	0	0
Towner County Medical Center	3,169	3,169	0	0
Golden Acres Manor Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Heartland Care Center	0	0	0	0
Griggs County Care Center	12,000	3,184	(8,816)	0
St. Luke's Sunrise Care Nursing	0	0	0	0
Garrison Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	0
Sanford Hillsboro Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Marian Manor Healthcare Center	0	0	0	0
St. Gerard's Community Nursing Home	3,750	3,750	0	0
Tri-County Health Center	396	396	0	0
Nelson County Health System Care Center	0	0	0	0
Trinity Homes	51,970	50,826	(1,144)	0
Sanford Health Continuing Care Center Off Collins	6,934	4,750	(2,184)	0
Strasburg Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Tioga Medical Center	0	0	0	0
Wishek Living Center	0	0	0	0
Review Health Center	2,000	2,000	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Arthur	0	0	0	0
Baptist Home	2,000	1,944	(56)	0
Good Samaritan Society Bottineau	0	0	0	0
Southwest Healthcare Services	0	0	0	0
Wedgewood Manor	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Society Devils Lake	0	0	0	0
St. Benedict's Health Center	1,900	1,900	0	0
St. Luke's Home	0	0	0	0
Dunseith Community Nursing Home	0	0	0	0
Prince of Peace Care Center	6,600	6,363	(237)	0
Maryhill Manor	0	0	0	0
Bethany on University	842	842	0	0
Elim Care Center	2,410	1,181	(1,229)	0
Rosewood on Broadway	0	0	0	0
Villa Maria Health Care	9,335	8,835	(500)	2,526
Four Seasons Health Care	0	0	0	0
Benedictine Living Center of Garrison	1,250	1,250	0	0
Lutheran Sunset Home	0	0	0	0
Ave Maria Village	0	0	0	0
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St. Gabriel's Community	0	0	0	0
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In the year ending June 30, 2014 approximately thirty-seven individuals received \$101,562 in loan repayment and approximately 65 individuals received scholarships totaling \$164,019. All employees/students sign a contract which stipulates repayment should they default in their work commitment. Should the facility not be successful in recapturing the loan funds on any defaults the Department Human Services automatically reduces this amount from the facility cost report.

The House amended the bill to clarify the time commitment a person must complete if they receive education assistance. Originally the bill read, and individual who receives the maximum of \$15,000 of education assistance shall commit to a minimum of four years of service. There was concern someone might receive the full \$15,000 dollars, possibly work four years, but total hours might be far less than intended. It is our intent to clarify and support the intent of someone fulfilling at equivalent of 6656 hours (1664 hrs. x 4 yrs.), however we don't want to disallow funds for individuals who work less than 32 hours per week.

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