

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1397

Introduced by

Representatives Iverson, Headland, Mueller, Thoreson

Senators Flakoll, Klein

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 opportunities for the enrollment of students in a veterinary medical
3 education program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for continuation of program
4 funding.

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

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

8 **Veterinary medical education program - Kansas state university - Contract.**

- 9 1. In addition to any contracts under section 15-10-28.2, the state board of higher
10 education may contract with Kansas state university to provide an opportunity for
11 up to five eligible students to enroll in the veterinary medical education program at
12 Kansas state university.
- 13 2. Eligible students must be residents of this state and must have been selected for
14 enrollment by an admissions committee consisting of one faculty member from the
15 department of veterinary and microbiological sciences at North Dakota state
16 university, one veterinarian practicing in this state, one member of the legislative
17 assembly, and one livestock producer, all of whom must be appointed by the
18 legislative council, and the chairman of the admissions committee at the Kansas
19 state university school of veterinary medicine.
- 20 3. The admissions committee shall determine the criteria to be used in the selection
21 of eligible students, with eligible students interested in large animal veterinary
22 medicine receiving a priority.
- 23 4. As a condition of selection under this program, an eligible student shall agree to
24 practice veterinary medicine in this state for a period of three years upon

1 graduation. If a student fails to fulfill the commitment for practice in this state, the
2 student shall repay to the state board of higher education all moneys forwarded to
3 or for the student under this Act, on a proportionate basis.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
5 student loan trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$262,500, or so much of the
6 sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of reducing
7 the amount of tuition and other costs payable by or on behalf of eligible students enrolled in the
8 veterinary medical education program at Kansas state university under this Act, for the
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

10 **SECTION 3. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION PLAN FOR CONTINUATION**
11 **OF PROGRAM.** The state board of higher education shall develop a plan for the continuation
12 of funding for the program established by this Act to be included in its 2007-09 biennium budget
13 request from a funding source other than the student loan trust fund.