

SENATE BILL NO. 2379

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Krauter, Warner

Representatives Delmore, Price, Svedjan

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a nursing education consortium to conduct an assessment of
2 the possible nursing student population and to establish a mobile clinical nursing simulation
3 laboratory; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Nursing education consortium.**

- 6 1. The university of North Dakota college of nursing shall establish and administer a
7 nursing education consortium for the purpose of addressing common concerns in
8 nursing education which produce obstacles in meeting the state's current and
9 future nursing needs, with a focus on the specific needs of rural communities.
- 10 2. The consortium membership must include representation of the university of North
11 Dakota college of nursing, the university of North Dakota center for rural health, the
12 state board of higher education, and the board of nursing. The consortium
13 members may invite interested persons to join the consortium membership or to
14 participate in consortium activities. Interested persons may include the North
15 Dakota medical association; North Dakota hospital association; state, tribal, and
16 private-supported nursing education programs; workforce partners, including job
17 service North Dakota, the department of commerce division of workforce
18 development, and the North Dakota workforce development council; employer
19 partners; and other interested public and private parties. The dean of the
20 university of North Dakota college of nursing shall serve as chairman of the
21 consortium.
- 22 3. The consortium shall conduct an assessment of the numbers of potential nursing
23 students among individuals living in rural communities in the state, including
24 individuals who live in agricultural households and individuals who already have

1 paraprofessional training, including certified nurse assistants, emergency medical
2 technicians, qualified service providers, and practical nurses.

3 4. The consortium shall establish a mobile clinical nursing simulation laboratory
4 program to travel the state and provide clinical education for nursing students of
5 nursing education programs in the state, provide clinical education on current and
6 emerging approaches to nursing excellence to medical facility staff, and provide
7 clinical education for personnel of emergency medical services operations in the
8 state. The consortium shall consider the results of the assessment conducted
9 under subsection 3 in establishing the simulation laboratory program.

10 5. The consortium shall establish a strategic plan for the ongoing activities of the
11 simulation laboratory program, including goals and benchmarks for the
12 implementation of the simulation laboratory program.

13 6. The consortium may contract with a third party in conducting the duties of the
14 consortium and may seek, receive, and accept from any source aid or contributions
15 of money, property, labor, or other things of value to be held, used, and applied to
16 carry out the purposes of the consortium.

17 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
18 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,104,734, or so
19 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota for the purpose of
20 funding the nursing education consortium under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium
21 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.