

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**REENGROSSED 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; to provide for a legislative council study; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Nursing education consortium - Continuing appropriation.**

- 6 1. The university of North Dakota college of nursing may 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,  
12 and the board of nursing. In addition, each nursing program in this state which is  
13 approved by the board of nursing and each nursing program with approval pending  
14 which is located in this state must be invited to have representation in the  
15 consortium. The consortium members may invite interested persons to join the  
16 consortium membership or to participate in consortium activities. Interested  
17 persons may include the North Dakota medical association; North Dakota hospital  
18 association; workforce partners, including job service North Dakota, the  
19 department of commerce division of workforce development, rural leadership of  
20 North Dakota, and the North Dakota workforce development council; employer  
21 partners; and other interested public and private parties. The dean of the  
22 university of North Dakota college of nursing shall serve as chairman of the  
23 consortium from 2007 to 2009, during which the dean shall report to the legislative  
24 council. After 2009, the chairman must be chosen by the members.

- 1           3. The consortium may conduct an assessment of the numbers of potential nursing  
2           students among individuals living in rural communities in the state, including  
3           individuals who live in agricultural households and individuals who already have  
4           paraprofessional training, including certified nurse assistants, emergency medical  
5           technicians, qualified service providers, and practical nurses.
- 6           4. The consortium may establish a strategic plan for the ongoing activities of a  
7           simulation laboratory program, including goals and benchmarks for the  
8           implementation of the simulation laboratory program.
- 9           5. The consortium may contract with a third party in conducting the duties of the  
10          consortium and may seek, receive, and accept from any source aid or  
11          contributions of money, property, labor, or other things of value to be held, used,  
12          and applied to carry out the purposes of the consortium. Any money received by  
13          the consortium as gifts, grants, or donations is appropriated as a continuing  
14          appropriation for the purpose of funding the consortium.

15           **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - NURSING EDUCATION - CLINICAL**

16 **ALTERNATIVES.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2007-08 interim,  
17 the challenges of providing nursing education to residents of rural North Dakota, including the  
18 feasibility and desirability of using scientific and mechanical alternatives to traditional clinical  
19 education, the qualifications needed to provide effective and efficient instruction using the  
20 alternatives, the number of individuals likely to complete their nursing education if the  
21 alternatives were available, and the cost per graduate if the alternatives were provided. The  
22 legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
23 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.