

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2266

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Seymour, Warner

Representatives Delmore, Klein, Kreidt

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-11-39 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the nursing education consortium; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to
3 provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-11-39 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-11-39. Nursing education consortium - Continuing appropriation.**

- 8 1. The university of North Dakota college of nursing shall establish and administer a
9 nursing education consortium for the purpose of addressing common concerns in
10 nursing education which produce obstacles in meeting the state's current and
11 future nursing needs, with a focus on the specific needs of rural communities.
- 12 2. The consortium membership must include representation of the university of North
13 Dakota college of nursing, the university of North Dakota center for rural health,
14 and the board of nursing. In addition, each nursing program in this state which is
15 approved by the board of nursing and each nursing program with approval pending
16 which is located in this state must be invited to have representation in the
17 consortium. The consortium members may invite interested persons to join the
18 consortium membership or to participate in consortium activities. Interested
19 persons may include the North Dakota nurses association nursing practice council
20 leadership team; North Dakota hospital association; workforce partners, including
21 job service North Dakota, the department of commerce division of workforce
22 development, rural leadership of North Dakota, and the North Dakota workforce
23 development council; employer partners; and other interested public and private
24 parties. ~~The dean of the university of North Dakota college of nursing shall serve~~

~~as chairman of the consortium from July 1, 2007, through December 31, 2009,
during which the dean shall report to the legislative council. After 2009,
consortium members shall select the chairman must be chosen by the members.~~

3. ~~If the consortium secures nonstate funds to cover the capital costs of a mobile
clinical nursing simulation laboratory program, the consortium may establish a
mobile clinical nursing simulation laboratory program to travel the state and
provide clinical education for nursing students of nursing education programs in
the state and provide clinical education on current and emerging approaches to
nursing excellence to medical facility staff.~~

4. ~~If the consortium establishes a mobile clinical nursing simulation laboratory
program, the~~ The consortium shall establish advise university of North Dakota
officials regarding strategies to address common concerns in nursing education
which produce obstacles in meeting the state's current and future nursing needs,
specific needs of rural communities, and development of a strategic plan for the
ongoing activities of the simulation laboratory program initiative, including goals
and benchmarks for the implementation of the simulation laboratory program
initiative.

~~5.~~ 4. The consortium may contract with a third party in conducting the duties of the
consortium and may seek, receive, and accept from any source aid or
contributions of money, property, labor, or other things of value to be held, used,
and applied to carry out the purposes of the consortium. Any money received by
the consortium as gifts, grants, or donations is appropriated as a continuing
appropriation for the purpose of funding the simulation laboratory program and the
activities of the consortium.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - SIMULATION LABORATORY INITIATIVE. It is

the intent of the sixty-first legislative assembly that the funds appropriated in section 3 of this
Act must be used by the university of North Dakota to support a simulation laboratory initiative
that includes basic simulation centers for use at each of the nursing education sites in the state,
which are located at Bismarck state college, Dickinson state university, Fort Berthold
community college, Jamestown college, Lake Region state college, Medcenter One college of
nursing, Minot state university, Minot state university-Bottineau, North Dakota state college of

1 science, North Dakota state university, Sitting Bull college, United Tribes technical college,
2 university of Mary, university of North Dakota, and Williston state college. The initiative must
3 include a basic simulation model, essential equipment, and staff to serve all locations in an
4 integrated way.

5 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the
8 sum of \$2,590,198, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North
9 Dakota for the purpose of funding the costs of a simulation laboratory initiative under section 1
10 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.