

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to creation of a health information technology office and advisory
3 committee; to repeal section 23-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North
4 Dakota health information technology steering committee; and to provide an appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Health information technology office - Health information technology advisory**
9 **committee - Grants.**

- 10 1. The health information technology office is established in the state department of
11 health. The state health officer shall appoint a health information technology
12 officer to administer the health information technology office, with advice provided
13 by the health information technology advisory committee.
- 14 2. The governor shall appoint the members of the health information technology
15 committee, which must include the state health officer; the governor or the
16 governor's designee; the executive director of the department of human services or
17 the executive director's designee; individuals appointed by the governor to
18 represent state government interests; and individuals appointed by the state health
19 officer to represent health information technology stakeholders, which may include:
- 20 a. Rural and urban health care facilities and organizations;
21 b. Rural and urban economic development entities;
22 c. Technology businesses;
23 d. Academic and research institutions;
24 e. The federal government;

- f. Rural and urban health care providers;
- g. Quality improvement organizations;
- h. Third-party payers;
- i. Health information management;
- j. Consumers;
- k. The North Dakota health care association; and
- l. The North Dakota medical association.

3. Advisory committee members appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of the governor. Advisory committee members appointed by the state health officer serve at the pleasure of the state health officer and may represent one or more interests. The state health officer may appoint more than one individual to represent a single interest. The state department of health shall provide or arrange for administrative services to assist the health information technology office and the advisory committee.

4. The health information technology office, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall:

- a. Make recommendations for implementing a statewide interoperable health information infrastructure that is consistent with emerging national standards, promote the adoption and use of electronic health records and other health information technologies, and promote interoperability of health information systems for the purpose of improving health care quality, patient safety, and the overall efficiency of health care and public health services; and
- b. Develop a grant program to assist in the planning and implementation of health information technology projects.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 23-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of defraying the costs of the health information technology office, advisory committee, and associated grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.