

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2079**

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-52-01, 15-52-02, 15-52-05, 15-52-07,  
2 15-52-08, 15-52-09, 15-52-15, and 15-52-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
3 university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-52-01. ~~Establishment~~ School of medicine and health sciences.** ~~There is hereby~~  
8 ~~established at the university of North Dakota a North Dakota state medical center, the purpose~~  
9 ~~of which must be to provide facilities for the coordination, improvement, expansion, and~~  
10 ~~unification of health and welfare activities of the state and its agencies and its political~~  
11 ~~subdivisions and private medical practitioners. The purpose of the university of North Dakota~~  
12 ~~school of medicine and health sciences is to enhance the quality of life in North Dakota through~~  
13 ~~the education of physicians and other health professionals and through the discovery of~~  
14 ~~knowledge, thereby improving the health of the public.~~

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **15-52-02. Control and operation.** The control and operation of the university of North  
18 ~~Dakota state medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences is the duty and  
19 responsibility of the administrative authorities of the university of North Dakota and its medical  
20 school under the policies of the state board of higher education or its successor in authority.

21 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **15-52-05. ~~Medical center facilities available to whom~~ Facilities.** The university  
24 authorities shall make the facilities of ~~such North Dakota state medical center~~ the university of

1 North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences available to all agencies of the state,  
2 federal, and local governments engaged in health and welfare activities to the fullest extent  
3 possible within the limits of a complete and coordinated program for the use thereof on terms  
4 commensurate with the cost of services rendered and facilities furnished. The work of the  
5 ~~medical school and the North Dakota state medical center~~ school of medicine and health  
6 sciences must be coordinated with the work of the other departments of the university of North  
7 Dakota. Means must be provided whereby regularly enrolled students in other schools or  
8 departments of the university of North Dakota may, upon approval of the dean of such other  
9 school or department, enroll in elective courses in the medical school and receive credit  
10 therefor in the school or department in which they are regularly enrolled. Medical students may  
11 enroll in other departments and schools. Such action must be taken as may serve to make  
12 both the ~~North Dakota state medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences and the  
13 other departments and schools of the university of North Dakota more efficient and responsive  
14 to needs of the people through the mutual interchange of facilities, and service, wherever  
15 possible.

16 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **15-52-07. Political subdivisions shall use facilities of center.** All agencies of the  
19 state, counties, and municipalities in any way concerned with health, medical care, or public  
20 welfare, shall make the fullest possible use of the facilities and services of the ~~North Dakota~~  
21 ~~state medical center~~ university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences and  
22 shall pay therefor the established fees and charges, and may contribute to the ~~North Dakota~~  
23 ~~state medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences specific fees or monthly payments  
24 for specific facilities and services furnished.

25 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **15-52-08. Center may accept grants, gifts, and rentals - Power to contract.** The  
28 ~~North Dakota state medical center~~ university of North Dakota school of medicine and health  
29 sciences or the university of North Dakota for the use and benefit of ~~said North Dakota state~~  
30 ~~medical center~~ the school of medicine and health sciences is specifically authorized to accept  
31 and use for the purposes of ~~said North Dakota state medical center~~ the school of medicine and

1 health sciences grants, gifts, contributions, fees, rentals, and other payments from any  
2 foundation, individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, institution, public or private  
3 agency, or from the federal government or any of its departments, agencies, or bureaus; and  
4 may, within the limits of its funds available, enter into such agreements as may be necessary to  
5 secure buildings, supplies, maintenance, material, and equipment; and may contract with public  
6 or private agencies or persons for the rental or use of facilities, services, and equipment not  
7 owned by ~~such North Dakota state medical center~~ the school of medicine and health sciences.

8 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **15-52-09. Expenditure of proceeds of one-mill levy authorized - Limitation.** The  
11 proceeds of the one-mill tax levy established by section 10 of article X of the Constitution of  
12 North Dakota, together with any other funds that may be received by the state treasurer, from  
13 time to time, for the benefit of the North Dakota state medical center, must be expended to  
14 establish, develop, and maintain ~~said North Dakota state medical center~~ the university of North  
15 Dakota school of medicine and health sciences, as provided in this chapter, by the issuance of  
16 state warrants drawn on such funds by the director of the office of management and budget.

17 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **15-52-15. Duties related to loan fund.** ~~It is the duty of the~~ The university to shall  
20 receive and pass upon, and ~~to~~ allow or disallow, all applications for loans submitted by qualified  
21 applicants who desire to complete an education in medicine or dentistry for the purpose of  
22 entering medical or dental practice in ~~the state of~~ North Dakota. ~~It is also the duty of the~~  
23 ~~university to compile a list of cities, towns, and other municipalities in this state without a~~  
24 ~~qualified physician or dentist or with an insufficient number of qualified physicians or dentists,~~  
25 ~~and to endeavor to supply physicians or dentists to such cities, towns, and other municipalities.~~

26 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **15-52-29. Training of psychiatric personnel –Scholarships.** ~~The North Dakota state~~  
29 ~~medical center~~ university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences, under the  
30 policies of the state board of higher education, ~~is hereby authorized and directed to~~ shall  
31 provide or encourage means for providing for the training of such psychiatrists and other

1 psychiatric personnel as may be necessary to properly staff state institutions and agencies  
2 providing services in the field of mental health. The ~~North Dakota medical center is authorized~~  
3 ~~to~~ school of medicine and health sciences may execute contracts with any suitable public or  
4 private agency providing such training services and facilities and to pay for such services from  
5 funds of the ~~medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences as provided in section  
6 15-52-09.

7 ~~The board is specifically authorized and directed, acting through the medical center, to~~  
8 ~~provide scholarships in such amounts as may be necessary for the use of qualified physicians~~  
9 ~~during periods in which such physicians are in training in the field of psychiatry. Such~~  
10 ~~scholarships must be conditioned upon service upon the staffs of state institutions and agencies~~  
11 ~~by such psychiatrists after the completion of their formal training for such term as the board may~~  
12 ~~prescribe.~~