

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2266
(Senators J. Lee, Seymour, Warner)
(Representatives Delmore, Klein, Kreidt)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-11-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the nursing education consortium; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. The university of North Dakota college of nursing shall establish and administer a nursing education consortium for the purpose of addressing common concerns in nursing education which produce obstacles in meeting the state's current and future nursing needs, with a focus on the specific needs of rural communities.
2. The consortium membership must include representation of the university of North Dakota college of nursing, the university of North Dakota center for rural health, and the board of nursing. In addition, each nursing program in this state which is approved by the board of nursing and each nursing program with approval pending which is located in this state must be invited to have representation in the consortium. The consortium members may invite interested persons to join the consortium membership or to participate in consortium activities. Interested persons may include the North Dakota nurses association nursing practice council leadership team; North Dakota hospital association; workforce partners, including job service North Dakota, the department of commerce division of workforce development, rural leadership of North Dakota, and the North Dakota workforce development council; employer partners; and other interested public and private 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 provides for a meaningful geographical distribution of basic simulation centers at nursing education sites to allow for regional use by students in urban and rural communities across the state. The initiative is intended to include a basic simulation model, essential equipment, and staff to serve the simulation laboratory in an integrated manner.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys from federal fiscal stabilization - other government services funds made available to the governor under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota for the purpose of funding the costs of a simulation laboratory initiative under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2266.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

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Secretary of State