

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2079
(Education Committee)
(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15-52-01, 15-52-02, 15-52-05, 15-52-07, 15-52-08, 15-52-09, 15-52-15, and 15-52-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

15-52-01. ~~Establishment~~ School of medicine and health sciences. ~~There is hereby established at the university of North Dakota a North Dakota state medical center, the purpose of which must be to provide facilities for the coordination, improvement, expansion, and unification of health and welfare activities of the state and its agencies and its political subdivisions and private medical practitioners. The primary purpose of the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences is to educate physicians and other health professionals and to enhance the quality of life in North Dakota. Other purposes include the discovery of knowledge that benefits the people of this state and enhances the quality of their lives.~~

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

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

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

15-52-05. ~~Medical center facilities available to whom~~ Facilities. ~~The university authorities shall make the facilities of such North Dakota state medical center the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences available to all agencies of the state, federal, and local governments engaged in health and welfare activities to the fullest extent possible within the limits of a complete and coordinated program for the use thereof on terms commensurate with the cost of services rendered and facilities furnished. The work of the medical school and the North Dakota state medical center school of medicine and health sciences must be coordinated with the work of the other departments of the university of North Dakota. Means must be provided whereby regularly enrolled students in other schools or departments of the university of North Dakota may, upon approval of the dean of such other school or department, enroll in elective courses in the medical school and receive credit therefor in the school or department in which they are regularly enrolled. Medical students may enroll in other departments and schools. Such action must be taken as may serve to make both the North Dakota state medical center school of medicine and health sciences and the other departments and schools of the university of North Dakota more efficient and responsive to needs of the people through the mutual interchange of facilities, and service, wherever possible.~~

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

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

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

15-52-08. Center may accept grants, gifts, and rentals - Power to contract. The ~~North Dakota state medical center~~ university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences or the university of North Dakota for the use and benefit of ~~said North Dakota state medical center~~ the school of medicine and health sciences is specifically authorized to accept and use for the purposes of ~~said North Dakota state medical center~~ the school of medicine and health sciences grants, gifts, contributions, fees, rentals, and other payments from any foundation, individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, institution, public or private agency, or from the federal government or any of its departments, agencies, or bureaus; and may, within the limits of its funds available, enter into such agreements as may be necessary to secure buildings, supplies, maintenance, material, and equipment; and may contract with public or private agencies or persons for the rental or use of facilities, services, and equipment not owned by ~~such North Dakota state medical center~~ the school of medicine and health sciences.

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

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

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

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

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

15-52-29. Training of psychiatric personnel —Scholarships. The ~~North Dakota state medical center~~ university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences, under the policies of the state board of higher education, ~~is hereby authorized and directed to~~ shall provide or encourage means for providing for the training of such psychiatrists and other psychiatric personnel as may be necessary to properly staff state institutions and agencies providing services in the field of mental health. The ~~North Dakota medical center is authorized to~~ school of medicine and health sciences may execute contracts with any suitable public or private agency providing such training services and facilities and to pay for such services from funds of the ~~medical center~~ school of medicine and health sciences as provided in section 15-52-09.

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

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. 2079.

Senate Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 0 Absent 6

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State