

HOUSE BILL NO. 1152

Introduced by

Representatives Devlin, Vigesaa, J. Nelson, Kaldor

Senators Christmann, Robinson

1 | A BILL for an Act to provide for a ~~critical access~~ hospital grant; and to provide an appropriation.

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

3 | **SECTION 1. ~~CRITICAL ACCESS~~ HOSPITAL GRANTS.**

4 | 1. During the 2011-13 biennium, the state department of health shall contract with ~~a third-~~
5 | ~~party, such as~~ the North Dakota hospital association, to administer a grant program for
6 | ~~critical access~~ hospitals. The administrative costs of the party administering the grant
7 | program may not exceed the lesser of actual direct costs or five percent of the grant
8 | program appropriation. The party administering the grant program may establish a
9 | committee to review grant applications and to make grant award determinations.

10 | 2. In order to qualify for a grant under this section, an applicant ~~must be a critical access-~~
11 | ~~hospital in the state which has~~ may not have previously received a grant under this
12 | section. A grant application must specify how grant funds will be utilized by the
13 | recipient, include requested fiscal and demographic information, and include any
14 | supporting documentation required by the party administering the grant program.

15 | 3. Grant funds must be used for ~~quality of care issues, which may include facility-~~
16 | ~~improvements, patient care needs, and patient care equipment needs~~ extraordinary
17 | expenditures and deferred maintenance, such as major building repairs, one-time
18 | capital purchases, and energy efficiency upgrades. and for implementation of health
19 | information technology and electronic medical records.

20 | 4. ~~A grant award may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars per recipient.~~ In order to
21 | qualify for a grant under this section, an applicant:

22 | a. Must be a critical access hospital that has experienced a loss based on at least
23 | two of the previous three years of medicare costs reports in order to qualify for a
24 | grant not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars;

1 b. Must be a critical access hospital that does not qualify under subdivision a in
2 order to qualify for a grant not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars; or

3 c. Must be a long-term care acute hospital in order to qualify for a grant not to
4 exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

5 5. As a condition of receipt of a grant under this section, a recipient shall agree that
6 during the 2011-13 biennium the recipient will provide the grant administrator with
7 periodic reports on the status and use of the grant funds distributed. The grant
8 administrator shall provide the state department of health with status reports on the
9 grant program and on recipient postaward reports. A grant award may be distributed to
10 a qualified recipient over the course of the 2011-13 biennium as may be provided
11 under the terms of the grant award. If the state department of health determines a
12 recipient has used grant funds in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this section
13 or of the grant award, the recipient shall return that portion of the award to the state
14 department of health.

15 5.6. The name of a grant applicant, the name of a grant recipient, the amount of grant
16 funds awarded, and the amount of grant funds distributed are public information.
17 However, material in a grant application or postaward report may be exempt or
18 confidential under section 44-04-18.4.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
20 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$18,000,000~~\$6,500,000, or so
21 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of
22 providing grants to ~~critical access~~ hospitals under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium
23 beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.