

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a hospital grant; and to provide an appropriation.

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

3 **SECTION 1. HOSPITAL GRANTS.**

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

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

15 3. Grant funds must be used for extraordinary expenditures and deferred maintenance,  
16 such as major building repairs, one-time capital purchases, and energy efficiency  
17 upgrades, and for implementation of health information technology and electronic  
18 medical records.

19 4. In order to qualify for a grant under this section, an applicant:

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

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

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

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

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

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