

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2160

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Grindberg, Heckaman

Representatives Heilman, J. Nelson, Sanford

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to repayment notes from participants in professional student exchange
3 programs.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Professional student exchange programs - Notes - Repayment.**

- 8 1. Before the state board of higher education makes a payment to an out-of-state
9 institution on behalf of an individual participating in a professional student exchange
10 program in dentistry, optometry, or veterinary medicine, that individual must sign an
11 annual note with the Bank of North Dakota in an amount equal to that by which the
12 individual's tuition is reduced as a result of a contract between the institution and the
13 board.
- 14 2. If the individual who signed the note in accordance with subsection 1 is not practicing
15 dentistry, optometry, or veterinary medicine in this state thirty-six months after the
16 individual's date of graduation, the individual shall begin repaying the note, together
17 with interest accruing from the date of signing, at the rate per annum established by
18 the Bank of North Dakota.
- 19 3. a. If the individual who signed the note in accordance with subsection 1 elects to
20 practice dentistry, optometry, or veterinary medicine in this state, or if the
21 individual begins to practice in this state at any time between the individual's
22 graduation and thirty-six months thereafter, the Bank of North Dakota shall
23 reduce the amount of the note by one-third, together with all accrued interest, for
24 each full year the individual serves in that capacity.

- 1 b. If an individual ceases to practice dentistry, optometry, or veterinary medicine in
2 this state before the note is waived in its entirety, the individual shall repay the
3 remaining portion of the note, together with interest accruing at the rate per
4 annum established by the Bank of North Dakota, from the date that the individual
5 ceased such practice.
- 6 4. If the individual who signed the note in accordance with subsection 1 departs before
7 graduation from a program in dentistry, optometry, or veterinary medicine, the
8 individual shall begin repaying the note, at the time of departure, together with interest
9 accruing from the date of signing, at the rate per annum established by the Bank of
10 North Dakota.
- 11 5. The Bank of North Dakota shall determine all other terms applicable to the time and
12 manner in which the notes must be repaid.
- 13 6. The Bank of North Dakota shall defer any repayment of a note otherwise due under
14 this section, for the period of time the individual who signed the note is:
- 15 a. Pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral studies; or
16 b. Called to active duty as a member of the armed forces.
- 17 7. The state board of higher education shall consult with the Bank of North Dakota and
18 adopt rules implementing this section.
- 19 8. This section is applicable only to individuals initially entering a professional student
20 exchange program in dentistry, optometry, or veterinary medicine after June 30, 2014.