

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments  
REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1049**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-45 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to loans for certain behavioral health professions; to amend and reenact  
3 section 43-45-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the board of addiction  
4 counseling examiners; to provide for a department of commerce and board of addiction  
5 counseling examiners study; to provide for reports to the legislative management; to provide an  
6 appropriation; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-45-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **43-45-04. Board power, duties, and authority.**

- 11 1. The board shall:
- 12 a. Administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.
  - 13 b. Evaluate the qualifications of applicants for a license to practice addiction  
14 counseling and issue licenses under this chapter.
  - 15 c. Establish ethical standards of practice for persons holding a license to practice  
16 addiction counseling in this state.
  - 17 d. Establish continuing education requirements and approve providers of continuing  
18 education.
  - 19 e. Approve clinical training programs.
  - 20 f. Register clinical trainees.
  - 21 g. Register interns.
  - 22 h. Register clinical supervisors.
  - 23 i. Register licensees for private practice.
  - 24 j. Approve and administer examinations.

- 1           k. Periodically evaluate initial licensure coursework requirements and clinical  
2           training requirements to ensure the requirements are up to date and do not serve  
3           as an undue barrier to licensure.
- 4        2. The board may:
- 5           a. Adopt rules under chapter 28-32 to implement this chapter.
- 6           b. Issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and administer oaths, and may investigate  
7           allegations of practices violating the provisions of this chapter.
- 8           c. Recommend prosecution for violations of this chapter to the appropriate state's  
9           attorney.
- 10          d. Recommend that the attorney general bring civil actions to seek injunctive and  
11          other relief against violations of this chapter.
- 12          e. Collect fees for examinations, initial licensures, renewal of licenses, late  
13          renewals, private practice registrations, renewal of private practice registrations,  
14          approval of continuing education providers, and administrative fees. The fees  
15          must be established by rule in amounts necessary to compensate the board for  
16          administration and enforcement of this chapter.
- 17          f. Employ persons to assist the board in carrying out its duties under this chapter.

18        **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 43-45 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
19 and enacted as follows:

20        **Addiction counseling internship - Loan program - Revolving fund - Continuing**  
21 **appropriation.**

- 22        1. a. The Bank of North Dakota shall develop and implement a program under which  
23        loans may be provided to qualified individuals participating in a paid or unpaid  
24        internship at a licensed substance abuse treatment facility in this state, in order to  
25        obtain licensure as an addiction counselor.
- 26        b. The Bank of North Dakota shall determine all terms applicable to the time and  
27        manner in which loans made under this section must be repaid.
- 28        c. Interest on outstanding loans under this section must accrue at the Bank of North  
29        Dakota's current base rate, but may not exceed six percent per annum.
- 30        d. The maximum loan for which an applicant may qualify under this section is five  
31        thousand dollars.

1           e. This subsection is applicable only to individuals beginning an internship after  
2                 June 30, 2015.

3           2. The Bank of North Dakota shall maintain a revolving loan fund for the purpose of  
4                 making loans under this section. All moneys transferred into the fund, interest upon  
5                 moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund of principal and interest on loans under  
6                 this section are appropriated to the Bank on a continuing basis.

7           **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STUDY - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT**

8           **REPORT.** During the 2015-16 interim, the department of commerce shall work with the North  
9           Dakota university system to conduct a study on behavioral health internships. The study shall  
10          include ways to help host organizations, students, and other stakeholders facilitate behavioral  
11          health internships, the feasibility of giving tax benefits to host organizations for participation in  
12          behavioral health internships, and the inclusion of the internship as part of coursework. Before  
13          July 1, 2016, the department of commerce shall report its findings and recommendations,  
14          together with any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the  
15          legislative management.

16          **SECTION 4. BOARD OF ADDICTION COUNSELING EXAMINERS - LEGISLATIVE**

17          **MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The board of addiction counseling examiners shall evaluate the  
18          initial licensure coursework requirements and clinical training requirements noted in  
19          subsection 1 of section 43-45-04. Before July 1, 2016, the board of addiction counseling  
20          examiners shall report on the status of the periodic evaluation of those requirements to the  
21          legislative management.

22          **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP**

23          **LOAN PROGRAM - REVOLVING FUND.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
24          student loan trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or  
25          so much of the sum as may be necessary, which the director of the office of management and  
26          budget shall transfer to the Bank of North Dakota, for purposes of the addiction counselor  
27          internship loan program revolving fund, as created by section 2 of this Act.