

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

Introduced by

Representatives Motschenbacher, Hauck, Longmuir, Morton, Novak, Schauer, Sanford, Bahl,
Fisher, Vetter

Senator Gerhardt

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 the creation of a North Dakota accelerated degree for high-demand
3 occupations.

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 **North Dakota accelerated degree - High-demand occupations.**

- 8 1. An institution under the control of the state board of higher education may:
9 a. Offer a North Dakota accelerated degree as an optional substitute for any degree
10 offered by the institution which prepares a student for a high-demand occupation;
11 b. Determine annually which degrees offered by the institution prepare students for
12 a high-demand occupation;
13 c. Provide a list of North Dakota accelerated degrees to the appropriate
14 occupational and professional boards; and
15 d. Not require a student to obtain general education credits for a North Dakota
16 accelerated degree.
- 17 2. Upon review of an individual's application for a license to practice in a profession
18 designated as a high-demand occupation by an institution under the control of the
19 state board of higher education, an occupational or professional board shall approve a
20 North Dakota accelerated degree and recognize the degree as an accredited program
21 for licensing purposes.