

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1220
with Senate Amendments**

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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. A North Dakota accelerated degree is an optional substitute for any degree that
9 prepares a student for a high-demand occupation, as designated under subsection 2,
10 which may be offered by an institution under the control of the state board of higher
11 education. The requirements for the degree may not include general education credits.
12 2. For purposes of this section, an occupational or professional board may designate an
13 occupation or profession as a high-demand occupation. An occupational or
14 professional board may revoke the designation at any time. However, if a student
15 relies on a current designation when the student begins a program for a North Dakota
16 accelerated degree, the degree must be recognized in accordance with subsection 3.
17 3. An occupational or professional board may recognize a North Dakota accelerated
18 degree as an accredited program for licensing purposes.
19 4. The state board of higher education may adopt rules under chapter 28-32 to
20 implement this section.