

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1600

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Sanford, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Sickler

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of the immigration law clinic at the university of
3 North Dakota school of law; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Immigration law clinic.**

- 8 1. The university of North Dakota school of law shall employ one full-time staff attorney
9 for the immigration law clinic. The immigration law clinic attorney may not have more
10 than sixty matters open at any one time.
- 11 2. Between five and ten students may participate in the immigration law clinic. A law
12 school student may be assigned to handle approximately one matter per semester.
- 13 3. The immigration law clinic must be divided into clinic I and clinic II, and offered to a law
14 school student as an introductory course and an advanced course, respectively.
- 15 4. Legal services may be provided and legal work may be done remotely, depending on
16 the needs of the client.
- 17 5. The immigration law clinic shall apply for grants for the repayment of filing fees,
18 attorney's fees, relocation expenses, and other costs associated with the immigration
19 law clinic.
- 20 6. The university of North Dakota law school may charge nominal fees, including fees
21 associated with obtaining an H class visa, as needed, to operate the immigration law
22 clinic.

23 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET -**

24 **IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in

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- 1 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$400,000, or so much of the sum as
- 2 may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the purpose of providing a grant
- 3 to the university of North Dakota to fund an immigration law clinic at the university of North
- 4 Dakota school of law, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.