

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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; and to provide an exemption.~~

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 twenty students may participate in the immigration law clinic. A
12 law school student may be assigned to handle approximately one matter per
13 semester.
- 14 3. The immigration law clinic must be divided into clinic I and clinic II, and offered to a law
15 school student as an shall offer two levels of learning. The law school annually shall
16 offer an introductory course immigration law class and an advanced course,
17 respectively immigration law class.
- 18 4. Legal services may be provided and legal work may be done remotely, depending on
19 the needs of the client.

1 ~~5. The immigration law clinic shall apply for grants for the repayment of filing fees,~~
2 ~~attorney's fees, relocation expenses, and other costs associated with the immigration~~
3 ~~law clinic.~~

4 ~~6. The university of North Dakota law school may charge nominal fees, including fees~~
5 ~~associated with obtaining an H-class-visaemployment-based non-immigrant and~~
6 ~~immigrant visa, as needed, to operate the immigration law clinic.~~

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL FUND - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND**

8 **BUDGET - IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
9 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$400,000~~\$800,000, or
10 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the
11 purpose of providing a grant to the university of North Dakota to fund an immigration law clinic
12 at the university of North Dakota school of law, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
13 ending June 30, 2027.

14 **SECTION 3. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET - IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC -**

15 **EXEMPTION.** The appropriation in section 2 of this Act is for the purpose of providing a grant to
16 the university of North Dakota to fund an immigration law clinic at the university of North Dakota
17 school of law, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Moneys
18 appropriated for this clinic are not subject to section 54-44.1-11. Funds shall be distributed
19 pursuant to the provisions of this section:

20 1. The office of management and budget may not distribute more than fifty percent of the
21 amount appropriated during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
22 2027.

23 2. Moneys undistributed at the end of the biennium may be distributed during the
24 biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.