

HOUSE BILL NO. 1360

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a North Dakota center for nursing; and to provide an expiration
2 date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. North Dakota center for nursing.** The North Dakota center for nursing
5 shall address issues of supply and demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment,
6 retention, and utilization of nurses. The primary goals for the center are to:

- 7 1. Develop a strategic statewide plan to alleviate the nursing shortage in the state by
8 establishing and maintaining a data base on nursing supply and demand in the
9 state, including current supply and demand and future projections, and by selecting
10 priorities from the plan to be addressed.
- 11 2. Convene various groups representative of nurses, other health care providers,
12 business and industry, consumers, legislators, and educators to review and
13 comment on data analysis prepared for the center; recommend systematic
14 changes, including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; and
15 evaluate and report the results of these efforts to the legislative assembly and the
16 public.
- 17 3. Enhance and promote recognition, reward, and renewal activities for nurses by
18 proposing and creating recognition, reward, and renewal activities and by
19 promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.

20 **SECTION 2. North Dakota center for nursing board.**

- 21 1. The governor shall appoint the eight members of the North Dakota center for
22 nursing board as follows:
- 23 a. Five members, at least three of whom must be registered nurses and at least
24 one of whom must be a licensed practical nurse, one of whom must be a

- 1 representative of the hospital industry, and one of whom must be a
2 representative of the long-term care industry.
- 3 b. One nurse educator recommended by the college university nursing
4 education association.
- 5 c. One nurse researcher recommended by the college university nursing
6 education association.
- 7 d. One member recommended by the North Dakota nurses association.
- 8 2. In determining the initial terms of the North Dakota center for nursing board
9 members, three of the five members appointed under subdivision a of subsection 1
10 shall serve for one year and two shall serve for two years; the nurse researcher
11 shall serve for three years; the nurse educator shall serve for two years; and the
12 member recommended by the North Dakota nurses association officer shall serve
13 for three years.
- 14 3. The governor shall make the initial board appointments by October 1, 2001. After
15 the initial terms expire, the terms of all members are three years, and terms expire
16 as of October first of the respective year. A member may not serve more than two
17 consecutive terms.
- 18 4. The North Dakota center for nursing board shall:
- 19 a. Determine operational policy for the board;
- 20 b. Elect a chairman and officers to serve nonconsecutive, two-year terms;
- 21 c. Establish committees of the board as necessary;
- 22 d. Appoint a multidisciplinary advisory council for input and advice on policy
23 matters;
- 24 e. Implement the major functions of the North Dakota center for nursing; and
- 25 f. Seek and accept nonstate funds for carrying out center policy.
- 26 5. The North Dakota center for nursing board members must be reimbursed for actual
27 and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties. The North
28 Dakota board of nursing shall provide administrative support for the North Dakota
29 center for nursing board. The North Dakota center for nursing board may contract
30 for additional support not provided by the North Dakota board of nursing.

1 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through September 30, 2006,
2 and after that date is ineffective.