

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2379

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Krauter, Warner

Representatives Delmore, Price, Svedjan

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a nursing education consortium to conduct an assessment of  
2 the possible nursing student population and to establish a mobile clinical nursing simulation  
3 laboratory; to provide an appropriation; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Nursing education consortium - Continuing appropriation.**

- 6 1. The university of North Dakota college of nursing shall establish and administer a  
7 nursing education consortium for the purpose of addressing common concerns in  
8 nursing education which produce obstacles in meeting the state's current and  
9 future nursing needs, with a focus on the specific needs of rural communities.
- 10 2. The consortium membership must include representation of the university of North  
11 Dakota college of nursing, the university of North Dakota center for rural health,  
12 and the board of nursing. In addition, each nursing program in this state which is  
13 approved by the board of nursing and each nursing program with approval pending  
14 which is located in this state must be invited to have representation in the  
15 consortium. The consortium members may invite interested persons to join the  
16 consortium membership or to participate in consortium activities. Interested  
17 persons may include the North Dakota medical association; North Dakota hospital  
18 association; workforce partners, including job service North Dakota, the  
19 department of commerce division of workforce development, rural leadership of  
20 North Dakota, and the North Dakota workforce development council; employer  
21 partners; and other interested public and private parties. The dean of the  
22 university of North Dakota college of nursing shall serve as chairman of the  
23 consortium from 2007 to 2009, during which the dean shall report to the legislative  
24 council. After 2009, the chairman must be chosen by the members.

- 1           3. The consortium shall conduct an assessment of the numbers of potential nursing  
2           students among individuals living in rural communities in the state, including  
3           individuals who live in agricultural households and individuals who already have  
4           paraprofessional training, including certified nurse assistants, emergency medical  
5           technicians, qualified service providers, and practical nurses.
- 6           4. The consortium shall establish a mobile clinical nursing simulation laboratory  
7           program to travel the state and provide clinical education for nursing students of  
8           nursing education programs in the state, provide clinical education on current and  
9           emerging approaches to nursing excellence to medical facility staff, and provide  
10          clinical education for personnel of emergency medical services operations in the  
11          state. The consortium shall consider the results of the assessment conducted  
12          under subsection 3 in establishing the simulation laboratory program.
- 13          5. The consortium shall establish a strategic plan for the ongoing activities of the  
14          simulation laboratory program, including goals and benchmarks for the  
15          implementation of the simulation laboratory program.
- 16          6. The consortium may contract with a third party in conducting the duties of the  
17          consortium and may seek, receive, and accept from any source aid or  
18          contributions of money, property, labor, or other things of value to be held, used,  
19          and applied to carry out the purposes of the consortium. Any money received by  
20          the consortium as gifts, grants, or donations is appropriated as a continuing  
21          appropriation for the purpose of funding the consortium.

22           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
23 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,104,734, or so  
24 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota for the purpose of  
25 funding the nursing education consortium under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium  
26 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.