

**SENATE BILL NO. 2304**

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Erbele, Heckaman

Representatives N. Johnson, Kaldor, Keiser

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to creation of a North Dakota center for nursing board; to provide a continuing  
3 appropriation; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
6 enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota center for nursing board.**

- 8 1. The governor shall appoint nine members to the North Dakota center for nursing  
9 board, which must consist of one registered nurse; one licensed practical nurse;  
10 one representative of the hospital industry; one representative of the long-term  
11 care industry; one nurse educator, selected from a list of three names submitted by  
12 the North Dakota college and university nursing education administrators; one  
13 nursing researcher, selected from a list of three names submitted by the North  
14 Dakota college and university nursing education administrators; one representative  
15 of the North Dakota nurses association, selected from a list of three names  
16 submitted by the North Dakota nurses association; one representative of  
17 consumers; and one representative of workforce development, selected from a list  
18 of three names submitted by the commissioner of commerce.
- 19 2. The initial members of the board must be appointed for terms as follows: three  
20 members shall serve a one-year term, three members shall serve a two-year term,  
21 and three members shall serve a three-year term. All subsequent appointments to  
22 the board are for three-year terms with each term beginning on July first. A  
23 member may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each  
24 member of the board serves at the pleasure of the governor, qualifies by taking the

1           oath of office required of civil officers, and holds office until that member's  
2           successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring on the board must be  
3           filled by the governor for the unexpired term.

4           3. Board members are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses, meals, and  
5           lodging expenses in connection with official board duties at the same rate and in  
6           the same manner as are elected officials and employees of the state.

7           **Duties - Continuing appropriation.**

8           1. The North Dakota center for nursing board shall:

9           a. Determine operational policy for the board;

10          b. Elect a chairman and officers;

11          c. Hire an executive director; and

12          d. Assist the executive director in developing strategies for the recruitment,  
13             retention, and utilization of nurses and nurse educators.

14          2. The board may seek, receive, and accept from any source aid or contributions of  
15             money, property, labor, or other things of value to be held, used, and applied to  
16             carry out the purposes of the North Dakota center for nursing board. Any money  
17             received by the board as a gift, grant, or donation is appropriated as a continuing  
18             appropriation to the North Dakota center for nursing board.

19          **Goals.** The purpose of the North Dakota center for nursing board is to address issues  
20             of supply and demand for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, and use of nurses  
21             and nurse educators. The board may:

22          1. Develop an ongoing strategic plan to address issues related to nursing workforce;

23          2. Direct and analyze the research necessary to support the planning and  
24             decisionmaking related to nursing workforce;

25          3. Act as a liaison among various groups representative of nurses, health care  
26             providers, business and industry, consumers, legislators, educators, and others in  
27             the pursuit of an adequate and well-trained nursing workforce;

28          4. Promote commonalities among admission criteria, including common course  
29             numbering within all North Dakota nursing education programs;

30          5. Develop a website to more effectively and efficiently coordinate clinical teaching  
31             sites;

- 1           6. Introduce standards of joint appointments of teaching staff between and among
- 2                    nursing education programs;
- 3           7. Develop a process to increase the use of simulation teaching as a portion of the
- 4                    clinical experience for nursing students; and
- 5           8. Evaluate and report the results of the board's efforts to the legislative assembly
- 6                    and other interested persons.

7           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
8 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$662,000, or so much  
9 of the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota center for nursing board for the purpose  
10 of funding the board activities under this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and  
11 ending June 30, 2011. The board is authorized 4 full-time equivalent positions.