

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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; 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.**

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

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

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

8 **Duties - Continuing appropriation.**

9 1. The North Dakota center for nursing shall:

10 a. Determine operational policy for the center;

11 b. Elect a chairman and officers;

12 c. Hire an executive director; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
10 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$662,000, or so much
11 of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the purpose of
12 providing a grant to the North Dakota center for nursing, for the biennium beginning July 1,
13 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The center is authorized 4 full-time equivalent positions.