

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the state department of health to study health professional  
2 assistance programs and report to the legislative management.

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

4 **SECTION 1. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STUDY - HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**  
5 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

6 1. During the 2015-16 interim, the state department of health shall evaluate the state  
7 programs to assist health professionals, with a focus on state loan repayment  
8 programs for health professionals. The study must include:

9 a. Identification of state programs to assist health professionals;

10 b. Consideration of whether elements of the identified state programs could be  
11 standardized;

12 c. Evaluation of funding and usage of the identified state programs;

13 d. Evaluation of the effectiveness of these identified programs and how these  
14 programs could be revised to be more effective; and

15 e. Consideration of whether there are gaps or duplication in programs designed to  
16 assist health professionals.

17 2. During the 2015-16 interim the state department of health shall make periodic reports  
18 to the legislative management on the status of the study. Before July 1, 2016, the state  
19 department of health shall report to the legislative management on the outcome of the  
20 study, including presentation of recommended legislation. The legislative management  
21 may introduce legislation recommended by the state department of health as part of  
22 the department's study report.