

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2140
(Senators Erbele, Heckaman, Lemm)
(Representatives Fisher, D. Johnson, Schreiber-Beck)

AN ACT to create and enact section 15-10-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to professional student exchange program repayment; to repeal section 15-10-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to professional student exchange program repayment; and to provide for a legislative management study.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 15-10-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Professional student exchange programs - Repayment waiver.

The state board of higher education shall waive repayment requirements for individuals participating in a professional student exchange program in veterinary medicine, dentistry, or optometry who entered an agreement with the state board of higher education pursuant to repealed section 15-10-43.1 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 15-10-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the professional student exchange program. The study must include:

1. The number of program participants enrolled in each discipline;
2. The tuition support provided for students enrolled in each discipline;
3. The rate at which students participating in the program return to the state;
4. The procedures necessary to implement a payback provision and their associated costs;
5. An appropriate grace period to allow program participants to return to the state; and
6. The educational disciplines to which the payback provision should be applied.

The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2140.

Senate Vote: Yeas 38 Nays 9 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 53 Nays 39 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2021,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State