

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2269

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Klein, J. Lee

Representatives Keiser, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's health care
2 system; to provide for a health care consortium; to provide for reports to the legislative
3 management; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.** During
6 the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the state's health care
7 system. The study may include consideration of health care facility workforce issues, the state's
8 demographics and issues related to the state's growing aging population, rural health care
9 needs, how to maintain health care quality and affordability while working to curb rising costs,
10 and the impact of the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act. The legislative
11 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
12 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

13 **SECTION 2. HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
14 **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNOR.**

15 1. The governor shall appoint a consortium that includes a broad scope of private sector
16 stakeholders, members of the senate and the house of representatives, and
17 representation from the statewide vision and strategy partnership for a healthier North
18 Dakota and the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences
19 advisory council. The consortium shall receive and review information provided by the
20 statewide vision and strategy partnership for a healthier North Dakota and the
21 university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences advisory council,
22 including the second annual report of the council. The consortium shall provide direct
23 input to the legislative management interim committee that conducts the study
24 provided for under section 1 of this Act. The consortium shall focus its efforts on

1 addressing the immediate needs and challenges of the North Dakota health care
2 delivery system, implementing the healthy North Dakota initiative, examining medicaid
3 reform, and developing a plan for a private health care model that will comply with
4 federal health care reform in a manner that will provide high quality, accessible, and
5 affordable care for North Dakota citizens.

- 6 2. In developing the model health care system, the health care consortium shall:
- 7 a. Consider population shifts, facility needs, personnel needs, rural access,
8 regulatory public health functions, and vulnerable populations.
- 9 b. Determine the scope of the weaknesses in the current health care system and
10 the scope of the model health care system.
- 11 c. Take into account the ongoing impact that federal health care reform under the
12 federal Affordable Care Act is having on state delivery of health care and on state
13 delivery of medicaid.
- 14 d. Work to forge partnerships with federal payers and regulators in order to work
15 toward addressing medical reimbursement system reform.
- 16 3. The legislative management shall contract with a consultant to assist the health care
17 consortium in developing a model health care system as required under subsection 2.
- 18 4. The health care consortium shall report to the budget section of the legislative
19 management on the status of funding available and anticipated uses of the funding for
20 the consortium during the 2013-14 interim. Before June 1, 2014, the health care
21 consortium shall report to the governor and to the legislative management on the
22 status of the development of the model health care system as well as any
23 recommendations.

24 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
25 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the
26 sum as may be necessary, and from special funds, derived from private gifts and grants, the
27 sum of \$100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative management
28 for the purpose of funding the activities of the health care consortium under section 2 of this Act,
29 as part of the North Dakota 2020 and beyond initiative, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013,
30 and ending June 30, 2015. The legislative management may spend funding from the general

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- 1 fund only to the extent special funds from private gifts and grants are received on a
- 2 dollar-for-dollar basis.