

SENATE BILL NO. 2140

Introduced by

Senators Erbele, Heckaman, Lemm

Representatives Fisher, D. Johnson, Schreiber-Beck

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15-10-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to professional student exchange program repayment; to repeal section 15-10-43.1 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to professional student exchange program repayment;
4 to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

8 **Professional student exchange programs - Repayment waiver.**

9 The state board of higher education shall waive repayment requirements for individuals
10 participating in a professional student exchange program in veterinary medicine, dentistry, or
11 optometry who entered an agreement with the state board of higher education pursuant to
12 repealed section 15-10-43.1 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30,
13 2021.

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 REPEAL.** Section 15-10-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

15 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PROFESSIONAL STUDENT**

16 **EXCHANGE PROGRAM.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall
17 consider studying the professional student exchange program. The study must include:

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

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

3 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.