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2007 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2410

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2410

Senate Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: January 30, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2233

Committee Clerk Signature

*Mary K Monson*

Minutes:

**Senator Judy Lee** opened the public hearing on SB 2410 to require the state department of health to conduct a system survey of employee and volunteer training in the areas of public health and safety and to report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

**Senator Warner** introduced SB 2410 (attached testimony).

**Representative Charging** testified in support of SB 2410. She stated that in her lifetime she has had opportunities to work with this group of people and this is a growing need in North Dakota. She had a personal experience with a brother who was a quadriplegic. He broke his neck when he was nineteen years old and lived fifteen years in that condition. He didn't need a nursing home but he needed something. He just didn't fit anywhere. She said that the type of work that is described in this bill is exactly the kind of services he required. She asked the committee for their support.

**Senator Lee** asked for any testimony opposing SB 2410. There being none she asked for any neutral testimony. There was none.

**Senator Lee** closed the public hearing on SB 2410.

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2410

Senate Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: January 30, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2328

Committee Clerk Signature

*Mary K. Manson*

Minutes:

**Senator Judy Lee** opened committee work on SB 2410 which would require the state department of health to conduct a system survey of employee and volunteer training in the areas of public health and safety and to report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

**Senator Lee** said that this was a one time shot of \$50,000.

**Senator Warner** moved to delete section 2.

**Senator Erbele** seconded.

**Senator Lee** clarified that this would still require the State Department of Health to conduct the survey but allows no appropriation to do so. Discussion followed on the survey.

**Senator Erbele** said that the Health Dept must have most of this information and they just have to put it together in some sort of order and make a recommendation for the future biennium.

**Senator Lee** asked the clerk to call the roll on the amendment. 6-0-0

Discussion continued on SB 2410 as amended.

**Senator Warner** said that with this bill you would expect CNA's would be moving up the ladder.

**Senator Dever** moved a Do Not Pass as amended.

**Senator Erbele** seconded the motion.

**Senator Lee** asked the clerk to take the roll call vote and reminded the members of the committee that a yes vote means that you support the motion for a do not pass. 5-1-0

**Senator Dever** will be the carrier.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 02/02/2007

Amendment to: SB 2410

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$45,122			
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill requires the Department of Health to conduct a study of Emergency Medical Services (EMTs) personnel within the state of North Dakota. The amendment to the bill removed the appropriation and one-half time equivalent position.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The purpose of this study is to determine the potential impact of SB 2379, the nurse consortium bill to provide distance learning in the rural areas in nursing training. We would need to survey rural EMS providers in ND to determine if RN training would deplete the volunteer EMS provider ranks. One of the prerequisites for nursing training in this model is that the person has professional experience as an EMT or CNA. This could entice EMTs to go into nursing training and leave their volunteer positions.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The department would contract this project to a university to conduct the study. We anticipate the costs of the project to be 45,122.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Funds for this project are not included in the department's appropriation bill (HB 1004). The department would need funds appropriated to carry out these responsibilities.

<b>Name:</b>	Kathy J. Albin	<b>Agency:</b>	Health
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Date Prepared: 02/05/2007



Date: 1-30-07

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2410

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 70869.0101 Title .0200

Action Taken Do Not Pass or amended

Motion Made By Sen. Dever Seconded By Sen. Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		Senator Joan Heckaman	✓	
Senator Robert Erbele, V. Chair	✓		Senator Jim Pomeroy	✓	
Senator Dick Dever	✓		Senator John M. Warner		✓

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Dever

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

SB 2410: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2410 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, remove "; and to provide an appropriation"

Page 1, remove lines 18 through 24

Renumber accordingly

2007 TESTIMONY

SB 2410

Senate Bill 2410  
Senator John Warner before the  
Senate Human Services Committee  
30 January 2007

Madam Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 2410 was both a forethought and an afterthought relative to Senate Bill 2379, the Nursing Consortium bill that we heard yesterday. When we first conceived of the idea of systematizing the step-up approach to providing for the education of medical professionals and paraprofessionals I think that we expected that the first step would probably be no more than a study resolution laying out a plan which would evolve over several biennia. When we approached Dean Covington for her suggestions we found that she had a fully conceived plan literally in her pocket and so we were ready to move forward, launching a full fledged bill. While we hope that the nursing consortium bill is a raving success we are left with two problems.

1. If we successfully elevate large numbers of paraprofessionals into nursing we will deplete those still essential numbers of Qualified Service Providers and Emergency Medical Providers.
2. There is a continued and growing need for medical and health training for workers whose primary job is not health related but who must have some medical or health training. These are people like school secretaries who are required to act as medication aides or prison guards who need to monitor inmates for psychological disorders.

This bill would have the Health Department pull together various types of training courses which probably already exist into a sort of college catalog, looking for places where it would make sense to provide them as distance learning opportunities and looking for ways to encourage cross discipline training.

Once these courses were standardized I would hope that a certificate could be attached to their completion and that these certificates would be a part of the job application process. For instance a secretary might list a Medication Aide III certificate or a prison guard a Cognitive Restructuring II certificate as part of their resume. Employers who wanted to add these skill sets to their workforce would be able to rent video materials or go on line to train employees.

This bill includes ½ FTE and an appropriation. There is an existing ½ FTE in Health who deals with EMT training and this provision would have made that position full time. I'm not entirely certain that this would be necessary to assure that the goals of this bill are met and it may be that these provisions could be dropped in which case the remainder of the bill is essentially a study resolution.