

SENATE BILL NO. 2332

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Robinson

Representatives Kaldor, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to creation of a health information technology office and advisory
3 committee; to repeal section 23-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North
4 Dakota health information technology steering committee; and to provide an appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Health information technology office - Health information technology advisory**
9 **committee - Grants.**

- 10 1. The health information technology office is established in the state department of
11 health. The state health officer shall appoint a health information technology officer
12 to administer the health information technology office, with advice provided by the
13 health information technology advisory committee.
- 14 2. The governor shall appoint the members of the health information technology
15 committee, which must include the state health officer; the governor or the
16 governor's designee; the executive director of the department of human services or
17 the executive director's designee; individuals appointed by the governor to
18 represent state government interests; and individuals appointed by the state health
19 officer to represent health information technology stakeholders, which may include:
- 20 a. Rural and urban health care facilities and organizations;
 - 21 b. Rural and urban economic development entities;
 - 22 c. Technology businesses;
 - 23 d. Academic and research institutions;
 - 24 e. The federal government;

- 1 f. Rural and urban health care providers;
- 2 g. Quality improvement organizations;
- 3 h. Third-party payers;
- 4 i. Health information management;
- 5 j. Consumers;
- 6 k. The North Dakota health care association; and
- 7 l. The North Dakota medical association.
- 8 3. Advisory committee members appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure of
- 9 the governor. Advisory committee members appointed by the state health officer
- 10 serve at the pleasure of the state health officer and may represent one or more
- 11 interests. The state health officer may appoint more than one individual to
- 12 represent a single interest. The state department of health shall provide or arrange
- 13 for administrative services to assist the health information technology office and the
- 14 advisory committee.
- 15 4. The health information technology office, in consultation with the advisory
- 16 committee, shall:
- 17 a. Make recommendations for implementing a statewide interoperable health
- 18 information infrastructure that is consistent with emerging national standards,
- 19 promote the adoption and use of electronic health records and other health
- 20 information technologies, and promote interoperability of health information
- 21 systems for the purpose of improving health care quality, patient safety, and
- 22 the overall efficiency of health care and public health services;
- 23 b. Develop a grant program to assist in the planning and implementation of
- 24 health information technology projects; and
- 25 c. Establish a 501(c)(3) entity for the purpose of accepting and expending
- 26 contributions, gifts, and grants from the federal government, private industry,
- 27 and other sources and for entering contracts for purposes consistent with this
- 28 section.

29 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 23-01-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 repealed.

1 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,923,572, or so
3 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of
4 defraying the costs of the health information technology office, advisory committee, and
5 associated grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.