

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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
12 officer to administer the health information technology office, with advice provided
13 by the 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
13 arrange for administrative services to assist the health information technology
14 office and the 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 \$500,000 or so much
3 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of defraying
4 the costs of the health information technology office, advisory committee, and associated
5 grants, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.