

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2205

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1316-1319 of the Senate Journal and pages 1470-1473 of the House Journal and that Senate Bill No. 2205 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, remove ", 43-28.1-02"

Page 1, line 1, remove the second "and"

Page 1, line 2, replace "43-28.1-04" with "43-28.1-05, 43-28.1-08, and 43-28.1-09"

Page 1, line 3, after "43-28.1-01.1" insert ", 43-28.1-02, 43-28.1-04,"

Page 1, line 9, after the second bold dash insert "**Defined need -**"

Page 1, line 11, replace "to communities" with "in cities or surrounding areas, or both."

Page 1, line 11, after "state" insert "which the state health council identifies as having a defined need for dental services"

Page 1, line 11, remove "Subject to the"

Page 1, line 12, replace "availability of funding, the" with "The"

Page 1, line 13, after the first "clinic" insert ", a practice with a focus on an underserved population."

Page 1, line 15, overstrike "four-year" and insert immediately thereafter "five-year"

Page 1, line 15, overstrike "eighty" and insert immediately thereafter "one hundred"

Page 1, remove lines 18 through 23

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 18

Page 2, line 21, overstrike "**Dentist selection - Eligibility for loan repayment**" and insert immediately thereafter "**Criteria**"

Page 2, line 22, overstrike "In establishing the criteria regarding a dentist's eligibility for loan repayment funds"

Page 2, overstrike lines 23 and 24

Page 2, line 25, overstrike "which such services are needed in a selected"

Page 2, line 25, remove "site."

Page 2, line 26, overstrike "b. The dentist's commitment to serve in a"

Page 2, line 26, remove "site"

Page 2, line 26, overstrike "that is in need of a dentist."

Page 2, line 27, overstrike "c. The compatibility of the dentist with a selected"

Page 2, line 27, remove "site"

Page 2, line 27, overstrike the period

Page 2, overstrike line 28

Page 2, line 29, remove "site"

Page 2, line 29, overstrike the period

Page 2, overstrike lines 30 and 31

Page 3, line 1, overstrike "2."

Page 3, line 10, overstrike "Dentists selected"

Page 3, line 10, remove "must be licensed to practice dentistry in this state and"

Page 3, line 10, overstrike "shall contract"

Page 3, overstrike line 11

Page 3, line 12, remove "sites"

Page 3, line 12, overstrike the period

Page 3, line 13, remove "3."

Page 3, line 13, overstrike "For the purposes of a dentist selected for loan payment who practices within fifteen"

Page 3, overstrike lines 14 through 21 and insert immediately thereafter "The health council shall establish criteria to be used in selecting qualified dentists and in identifying cities or surrounding areas, or both, that have a defined need for dental services. The criteria must include consideration of:

- a. The number of dentists already providing dental services in the city or surrounding areas, or both;
 - b. Access to dental services in the city and the surrounding area;
 - c. How the dentist will provide dental services in a public health clinic, a practice with a focus on an underserved population, or a nonprofit dental clinic; and
 - d. The dentist's training in general dentistry or in a dental specialty and the extent to which such services are needed in the identified city or surrounding areas, or both.
2. For purposes of a dentist selected for loan payment under this chapter who practices within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the city limits of one of the three largest cities in the state, to qualify to receive a yearly disbursement under this chapter during that year of obligated service, the dentist must have:
- a. Received dental medical payments of at least twenty thousand dollars in the form of medical assistance reimbursement; or
 - b. Practiced at least two full workdays per week at a public health clinic or at a nonprofit dental clinic that uses a sliding fee schedule to bill the nonprofit dental clinic's patients.

3. The health council may consult with public and private sector entities in establishing criteria and evaluating needs based on the criteria."

Page 3, remove lines 22-31

Page 4, replace lines 1 through 14 with:

"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 43-28.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-28.1-05. Eligible loans.

The state health council may provide for loan repayment funds to a dentist who has received an education loan. The council may not provide funds for the repayment of any loan that is in default at the time of the application. The amount of repayment must be related to the dentist's outstanding education loans. A dentist is eligible to receive loan repayment funds in an amount equal to the outstanding balance of the dentist's education loans with applicable interest, or eightyone hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less. Loan repayment funds may not be used to satisfy other service obligations under similar programs.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 43-28.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-28.1-08. Payment.

The state health council may not provide any loan repayment funds to a dentist under this chapter until the dentist has practiced at least six months on a full-time basis in the selected community or surrounding areas, or both, the state health council has identified as having a defined need for dental services. Loan repayment funds for a year of obligated service are payable by the state health council no later than the end of the fiscal year in which the dentist completes the year of obligated service.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 43-28.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-28.1-09. Gifts, grants, and donations - Continuing appropriation.

The state health council may accept any conditional or unconditional gift, grant, or donation for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of dentists' educational loans. If any entity desires to provide funds to the council to allow an expansion of the program beyond the ~~three~~ dentists contemplated by this chapter, the entity shall commit to fund fully the expansion for a period of ~~four~~five years. The council may contract with any public or private entity and may expend any moneys available to the council to obtain matching funds for the purposes of this chapter. All money received as gifts, grants, or donations under this section is appropriated as a continuing appropriation to the state health council for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of additional dentists' educational loans."

Page 4, line 15, after "43-28.1-01.1" insert ", 43-28.1-02, 43-28.1-04,"

Page 4, line 17, after "43-28.1-01.1" insert ", 43-28.1-02, 43-28.1-04,"

Renumber accordingly