

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2081  
(Education Committee)  
(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15-52-03, 15-52-04, 15-52-30, and 15-52-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences advisory council.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-52-03. ~~Medical center~~ School of medicine and health sciences advisory council - Members, terms, meetings.**

1. ~~To assure the proper coordination and integration of the North Dakota state medical center university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences with all other health and welfare activities of the state, a permanent medical center school of medicine and health sciences advisory council is established to advise, consult, and make recommendations to the university administration, and to the several agencies represented on the council concerning the program of the North Dakota state medical center, the adaptation of the medical center to the needs of the state and to the requirements and facilities of the several agencies involved, and the use of the North Dakota state medical center and its facilities by the various institutions and agencies of the state and its political subdivisions perform the duties in section 15-52-04.~~
2. The council consists of ~~fourteen~~ fifteen members:
  - a. (1) Two members of the senate, one of whom must be from the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority party, selected by the chairman of the legislative council; and
  - (2) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom must be from the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority party, to be selected by the chairman of the legislative council;
  - b. One member selected by each of the following:
    - (1) The department of human services;
    - (2) The state board of higher education;
    - (3) The state department of health;
    - (4) The North Dakota medical association;
    - (5) The North Dakota healthcare association; ~~and~~
    - (6) The veterans administration hospital in Fargo; and
    - (7) The university of North Dakota center for rural health; and

- c. ~~One member~~ Four members selected by the dean of the university of North Dakota ~~medical school of medicine and health sciences, one from each of the four campus areas campuses~~ of the medical school of medicine and health sciences with headquarters in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot.
3. The representatives named by the state agencies and boards must be selected to serve as members of the ~~medical center~~ advisory council for periods of at least one year, but may not serve longer than their term of office on the public agency. The representatives from the North Dakota state medical association and the North Dakota healthcare association shall serve a term of three years or until their successors are named and qualified.
4. The council shall name its own chairman and the dean of the university of North Dakota ~~medical school of medicine and health sciences~~ shall serve as executive secretary of the council. The council shall meet not less than twice each year, and, from time to time, on its own motion or upon request of the university administration, ~~to consider plans and programs of action for the North Dakota state medical center and make its recommendations to the several agencies of the state and political subdivisions involved and to the legislative assembly.~~

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-52-04. Duties of council.** ~~The medical center advisory council shall study, consider, and formulate plans for facilitating and implementing, through the North Dakota state medical center, a unified program for the improvement and maintenance of the health of the people of the state in all of its phases. The study must include specifically ways and means of bringing about the complete training of adequate numbers of qualified physicians and surgeons for the people of the state, both in the general practice of medicine and surgery and the field of public health, of allied health professionals, and all other personnel concerned with the improvement and preservation of the health of the people of this state.~~

1. The advisory council, in consultation with the school of medicine and health sciences and the other agencies, associations, and institutions represented on the advisory council, shall study and make recommendations regarding the strategic plan, programs, and facilities of the school of medicine and health sciences.
2. Biennially, the advisory council shall submit a report, together with its recommendations, to the agencies, associations, and institutions represented on the advisory council, to the university of North Dakota, and to the legislative council.
3. a. The report must describe the advisory council's recommendations regarding the strategic plan, programs, and facilities of the school of medicine and health sciences as developed under subsection 1. The recommendations for implementing strategies through the school of medicine and health sciences or other agencies and institutions must:
  - (1) Address the health care needs of the people of the state; and
  - (2) Provide information regarding the state's health care workforce needs.
- b. The recommendations required under subdivision a may address:
  - (1) Medical education and training;
  - (2) The recruitment and retention of physicians and other health care professionals;
  - (3) Factors influencing the practice environment for physicians and other health care professionals;

- (4) Access to health care;
  - (5) Patient safety;
  - (6) The quality of health care and the efficiency of its delivery; and
  - (7) Financial challenges in the delivery of health care.
4. The council may consult with any individual or entity in performing its duties under this section.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-52-30. Contracts or agreements authorized - Legislative intent.**

1. The state board of higher education ~~upon the recommendation of the medical center advisory council~~ is hereby authorized to enter into contracts or agreements, both interstate and intrastate, to provide medical education opportunities. These contracts and agreements must be made within the limits of available legislative appropriation and may be for such periods of time as the state board of higher education deems necessary.
2. It is ~~hereby declared to be~~ the intent of the legislative assembly that the state of North Dakota, through its state board of higher education, provide for a comprehensive program of medical education leading to a doctor of medicine degree.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-52-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-52-31. Admission of students - Qualifications.** The faculty of the school of medicine and health sciences at the university of North Dakota may, with the ~~approval~~ advice of the ~~medical center school of medicine and health sciences~~ school of medicine and health sciences advisory council and with the approval of the state board of higher education, adopt such rules and regulations governing the education and residency qualifications of applicants for admission to the ~~medical~~ school of medicine and health sciences as it deems necessary and proper.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2081.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47        Nays    0        Absent    0

House Vote:    Yeas    91        Nays    1        Absent    2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State