

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2269

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Klein, J. Lee

Representatives Keiser, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's health care
2 system; to provide for a health care consortium; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.** During
5 the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the state's health care
6 system. The study may include consideration of health care facility workforce issues, the state's
7 demographics and issues related to the state's growing aging population, rural health care
8 needs, how to maintain health care quality and affordability while working to curb rising costs,
9 and the impact of the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act. The legislative
10 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
11 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

12 **SECTION 2. HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
13 **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNOR.**

14 1. The governor shall appoint a consortium that includes a broad scope of private sector
15 stakeholders, members of the senate and the house of representatives, and
16 representation from the statewide vision and strategy partnership for a healthier North
17 Dakota and the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences
18 advisory council. The consortium shall receive and review information provided by the
19 statewide vision and strategy partnership for a healthier North Dakota and the
20 university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences advisory council,
21 including the second annual report of the council. The consortium shall provide direct
22 input to the legislative management interim committee that conducts the study
23 provided for under section 1 of this Act. The consortium shall focus its efforts on
24 addressing the immediate needs and challenges of the North Dakota health care

1 delivery system, implementing the healthy North Dakota initiative, examining medicaid
2 reform, and developing a plan for a private health care model that will comply with
3 federal health care reform in a manner that will provide high quality, accessible, and
4 affordable care for North Dakota citizens.

5 2. In developing the model health care system, the health care consortium shall:

6 a. Consider population shifts, facility needs, personnel needs, rural access,
7 regulatory public health functions, and vulnerable populations.

8 b. Determine the scope of the weaknesses in the current health care system and
9 the scope of the model health care system.

10 c. Take into account the ongoing impact that federal health care reform under the
11 federal Affordable Care Act is having on state delivery of health care and on state
12 delivery of medicaid.

13 d. Work to forge partnerships with federal payers and regulators in order to work
14 toward addressing medical reimbursement system reform.

15 3. The legislative management shall contract with a consultant to assist the health care
16 consortium in developing a model health care system as required under subsection 2.

17 4. Before June 1, 2014, the health care consortium shall report to the governor and to
18 the legislative management on the status of the development of the model health care
19 system as well as any recommendations.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
21 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$75,000, or so much of the
22 sum as may be necessary, to the legislative management for the purpose of funding the
23 activities of the health care consortium under section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning
24 July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.