

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1612

Introduced by

Representatives Bahl, K. Anderson, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Stemen

Senators Axtman, Cory, Meyer

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine
3 for mental health support and certification assistance; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota center for aerospace medicine.**

8 1. The university of North Dakota with the school of medicine and health sciences shall
9 establish the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine under the John D. Odegard
10 school of aerospace sciences.

11 2. The North Dakota center for aerospace medicine shall:

12 a. Provide mental health resources and assistance to obtain medical certification
13 from the federal aviation administration to flight students, pilots, and aviation
14 professionals in the fields of commercial aviation, unmanned aircraft systems,
15 and air traffic control;

16 b. Cooperate with the federal aviation administration office of aerospace medicine;

17 c. Support access, including rural access, to mental health resources, aviation
18 medical examiners, and human intervention motivational study aviation medical
19 examiners;

20 d. Provide support to assist aviation medical examiners, human intervention
21 motivational study aviation medical examiners, and applicants with federal
22 aviation administration requirements;

1 e. Facilitate collaboration between research initiatives across the state related to
2 aviation and space medicine; and

3 f. Provide mental health education and outreach.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA - NORTH DAKOTA**

5 **CENTER FOR AEROSPACE MEDICINE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much
7 of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of North Dakota for the purpose of planning,
8 developing, establishing, and operating the North Dakota center for aerospace medicine,
9 including personnel recruitment and salaries, facility and assessment material costs,
10 professional development and training, education and outreach, and initial research funding, for
11 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.