

Sixty-eighth
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of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2155

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Hogan, Hogue

Representatives Dobervich, M. Ruby, Strinden

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 for federally qualified health center grants; and to provide for a legislative management study on
3 expanding the number of federally qualified health centers.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
6 **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any
7 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
8 \$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and
9 human services for the purpose of providing grants to federally qualified health centers, for the
10 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

11 1. For purposes of this section, "federally qualified health center" means an entity
12 receiving a grant under United States Code, title 42, section 254b.
13 2. The department of health and human services shall award grants from the funds
14 appropriated in this section to federally qualified health centers in North Dakota to
15 continue, expand, and improve federally qualified health center services to low-income
16 populations. The grant amount for each center must be proportional to the amount of
17 discounts granted to patients of the center for the most recent calendar year to the
18 total amount of discounts granted by all centers in North Dakota during the most
19 recent calendar year as reported on the federal uniform data system report in
20 conformance with the bureau of primary health care program expectations policy
21 information notice 98-23, except one federally qualified health center may receive no
22 more than 50 percent of the total amount of grants awarded under this subsection.

23 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH**
24 **CARE CENTER EXPANSION.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall

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1 consider studying the expansion of federally qualified health care centers. The study must
2 include consideration of increasing the number of federally qualified health care centers in the
3 state and improving federally qualified health care center collaboration with local public health
4 units. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with
5 any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative
6 assembly.