

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1397
(Representatives Iverson, Headland, Mueller, Thoreson)
(Senators Flakoll, Klein)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to opportunities for the enrollment of students in a veterinary medical education program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for continuation of program funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Veterinary medical education program - Kansas state university - Contract.

1. In addition to any contracts under section 15-10-28.2, the state board of higher education may contract with Kansas state university to provide an opportunity for up to five eligible students to enroll in the veterinary medical education program at Kansas state university.
2. Eligible students must be residents of this state and must have been selected for enrollment by an admissions committee consisting of one faculty member from the department of veterinary and microbiological sciences at North Dakota state university, one veterinarian practicing in this state, one member of the legislative assembly, and one livestock producer, all of whom must be appointed by the legislative council, and the chairman of the admissions committee at the Kansas state university school of veterinary medicine.
3. The admissions committee shall determine the criteria to be used in the selection of eligible students, with eligible students interested in large animal veterinary medicine receiving a priority.
4. As a condition of selection under this program, an eligible student shall agree to practice veterinary medicine in this state for a period of three years upon graduation. If a student fails to fulfill the commitment for practice in this state, the student shall repay to the state board of higher education all moneys forwarded to or for the student under this Act, on a proportionate basis.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the student loan trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$262,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of reducing the amount of tuition and other costs payable by or on behalf of eligible students enrolled in the veterinary medical education program at Kansas state university under this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

SECTION 3. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION PLAN FOR CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM. The state board of higher education shall develop a plan for the continuation of funding for the program established by this Act to be included in its 2007-09 biennium budget request from a funding source other than the student loan trust fund.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1397.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 2 Absent 6

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State