

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a nursing  
2 workforce recruitment and retention grant program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - NURSING WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND**  
5 **RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of moneys  
6 in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$400,000, or so  
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of  
8 administering a nursing workforce recruitment and retention grant program for the biennium  
9 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The department shall provide grants to an  
10 organization dedicated to empowering, encouraging, and equipping North Dakota's nursing  
11 profession. Grant funds may be used for operating costs of the organization, including to  
12 establish a recruitment and retention program for traveling nurses to assist the state's nursing  
13 workforce. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.