

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Human Services)

(Senators Thane, Lips, O'Connell)
(Representatives Gulleeson, Svedjan, Galvin)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to fetal alcohol syndrome; to amend and reenact section 15-11-35 and
3 subsection 2 of section 50-06-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fetal alcohol
4 syndrome; and to provide an appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-11-35 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15-11-35. Fetal alcohol syndrome center established.** There is established in the
9 department of neuroscience at the university of North Dakota school of medicine a fetal alcohol
10 syndrome center. The center shall act as the lead agency in the state for the purpose of
11 coordinating fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effect related activities. The state board
12 of higher education shall appoint a person from the department of neuroscience as director of
13 the fetal alcohol syndrome program and that person shall prepare an annual report on the
14 status of fetal alcohol syndrome in North Dakota. The center shall develop prevention activities
15 in groups that are at high risk for fetal alcohol syndrome. The center may enlist the aid of other
16 agencies, persons, or organizations in its activities. The responsibilities of the program include:

- 17 1. ~~To develop~~ Developing incidence and prevalence data on fetal alcohol syndrome
18 in this state.
- 19 2. ~~To conduct~~ Conducting research on prevention and management of fetal alcohol
20 syndrome and maternal alcohol ingestion during pregnancy.
- 21 3. ~~To develop~~ Developing a center for the evaluation of children with fetal alcohol
22 syndrome from this state in cooperation with the child evaluation and treatment
23 program at the medical center rehabilitation hospital at the university of North
24 Dakota and ~~to operate~~ operating followup clinics as funding allows.

- 1 4. ~~To provide~~ Providing consultation and training across the state on fetal alcohol
- 2 syndrome.
- 3 5. ~~To conduct~~ Conducting other activities as may be directed by a state fetal alcohol
- 4 syndrome task force.
- 5 6. Meeting at least twice each year with the fetal alcohol syndrome task force and
- 6 representatives of each regional human service center.

7 The center shall coordinate a study of the prevalence of fetal alcohol syndrome in school-age
8 children in this state. The study must review the prevalence of fetal alcohol syndrome in both
9 rural and urban North Dakota communities, including North Dakota Indian reservations.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 50-06-05.3 of the North Dakota
11 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 12 2. Regional human service centers shall provide human services to all eligible
- 13 individuals and families to help them achieve or maintain social, emotional, and
- 14 economic self-sufficiency; prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency; prevent or
- 15 remedy the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and of adults unable to
- 16 protect their own interests; aid in the preservation, rehabilitation, and reuniting of
- 17 families; prevent or reduce inappropriate institutional care by providing for care
- 18 while institutionalized or providing for community-based or other forms of less
- 19 restrictive care; secure referral or admission for institutional care; provide
- 20 outpatient diagnostic and treatment services; provide an assessment of fetal
- 21 alcohol syndrome-related services including current and needed services, the best
- 22 model of service delivery, the anticipated cost of services, and the anticipated cost
- 23 of departmental or contracted case management services; provide information
- 24 concerning guardianship to people interested in becoming or who are guardians;
- 25 and provide rehabilitation services for patients suffering from mental or emotional
- 26 disorders, mental retardation, fetal alcohol syndrome, and other psychiatric
- 27 conditions, particularly for those patients who have received prior treatment in an
- 28 inpatient facility. Regional human service centers shall deliver services in the
- 29 manner prescribed by the department.

30 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
31 created and enacted as follows:

Fetal alcohol syndrome task force - Duties. Each regional human service center shall establish a fetal alcohol syndrome task force. Each regional task force shall:

1. Develop and implement a plan for the prevention of behaviors causing fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effect;
2. Develop a plan to screen for fetal alcohol syndrome for the region;
3. Complete a needs assessment for fetal alcohol syndrome for the region;
4. Develop an appropriate service delivery plan to meet the identified needs for those persons diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome;
5. Conduct, in coordination with the department, an annual evaluation of the services provided to those persons diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome, including a determination of the services each person and family is receiving and any additional needed services, a discussion of the best service model, and the anticipated costs of providing those services;
6. Coordinate efforts with local health care providers and the fetal alcohol syndrome center to provide diagnostic services for children who are identified by the fetal alcohol screening efforts in the region; and
7. Meet at least twice each year with the fetal alcohol syndrome center to coordinate activities.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the children's services coordinating committee operating fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the fetal alcohol syndrome center, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$122,500
Operating expenses	<u>74,000</u>
Total special fund appropriation	\$196,500