## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2302

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Dever, Fiebiger

Representatives Kingsbury, S. Meyer, Wolf

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to extended payments for children in foster care.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is

- 5 created and enacted as follows:
- 6 Foster care payments Extension for educational purposes. If a child who is a
- 7 resident of this state is in foster care and is accepted for enrollment into any institution of higher
- 8 education in this state, the department of human services shall ensure that the child is
- 9 supported by means of foster care payments for the period of time that the child remains
- 10 enrolled as a full-time student, provided the child maintains a grade point average at least equal
- 11 to 2.5. The department may provide payments to the child's foster care family or at the
- 12 recommendation of the child's caseworker may forward the payments directly to the child.
- 13 Payments under this section may not be made to or on behalf of any child who has reached the
- 14 age of twenty-three.