

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1498

Introduced by

Representatives Wieland, Potter

Senators Heckaman, J. Lee, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 50-06-05.1 and section
2 50-25.1-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to human service programs funded at
3 state expense; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 8. To direct and supervise county social service board activities as may be financed
8 in whole or in part by or with funds allocated or distributed by the department. The
9 department's reimbursement to counties for children and families programs as
10 described in subsection 1 of section 50-06-01.4 must equal at least eighty percent
11 of each county's actual direct program costs and at least eighty percent of each
12 county's indirect program costs as allocated based on the percentage
13 reimbursement of each county's direct economic assistance and social service
14 costs, with the exception of the foster care costs described in section 50-09-21.1
15 and specific programs and projects approved by the department and agreed to by
16 any affected county social service board. A county may not be reimbursed in state
17 fiscal year 2010 or state fiscal year 2011 in an amount less than the amount
18 reimbursed in state fiscal year 2009.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.1-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
20 is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **50-25.1-06.1. Caseload standards - Reimbursement.** The department shall adopt
22 caseload standards establishing minimum staff-to-client ratios for the assessment of reports of
23 child abuse or neglect and the provision of protective services. ~~Within the limits of legislative~~
24 ~~appropriation, the department shall reimburse its authorized agent, upon claim being made by~~

1 ~~the authorized agent, for seventy five percent of additional staff costs caused by the imposition~~
2 ~~of such caseload standards. Upon a determination that legislative appropriations are~~
3 ~~insufficient to reimburse each claiming authorized agent in the amount of seventy five percent~~
4 ~~of such additional staff costs, the department shall reimburse each claiming authorized agent~~
5 ~~for that percentage of additional staff costs which the appropriation is sufficient to defray.~~

6 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
7 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$14,918,581, or so
8 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of
9 providing reimbursements to counties for programs for children and families, for the biennium
10 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.