

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to require the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of  
2 transferring the facilities and property of the State Hospital from the Department of Human  
3 Services to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY- TRANSFER OF FACILITIES AND**  
6 **PROPERTY OF STATE HOSPITAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND**  
7 **REHABILITATION.** The Legislative Council shall study during the 2009-10 interim, the  
8 feasibility and desirability of transferring the facilities and property of the State Hospital from the  
9 Department of Human Services to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The study  
10 must include consideration of the voluntary transfer of employees of the Department of Human  
11 Services to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation who are responsible for the  
12 treatment of mental health and addiction issues of inmates the feasibility of the Department of  
13 Human Services entering contracts with community hospitals for the treatment of individuals  
14 with mental illnesses. During the study, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and  
15 the Department of Human Services shall develop and propose plans to accomplish the transfer  
16 and present the proposals to the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall report its  
17 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
18 recommendations, to the 62nd Legislative Assembly.