

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Long-Term Care Committee)

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 the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at
3 risk; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Program for services to transition-aged youth at risk - Definition - Rules -**
8 **Continuing appropriation.**

9 1. The department shall develop, within current appropriations, a program for
10 services to transition-aged youth at risk. The department shall use a wraparound
11 planning process. The department shall adopt rules to establish eligibility,
12 services, and a distinct statewide interagency advisory council on transition-aged
13 youth at risk, with youth and family representation, and with regional
14 subcommittees. For the purposes of this section, transition-aged youth means
15 children and young adults at risk due to:

16 a. Deprivation or other activities resulting in youth being involved with the foster
17 care or juvenile justice system;
18 b. Serious mental illness or serious disabilities that do not qualify the youth for
19 developmental disabilities case management; or
20 c. Suicidal tendencies.

21 2. Services under the program must include:

22 a. Individualized assessments to determine the needs and appropriate services
23 to individual transition-aged youth at risk;

- 1 b. Single plan of care to coordinate services among available service systems,
- 2 emphasizing existing case management resources;
- 3 c. Independent living skills, including self-advocacy training;
- 4 d. Enhanced or extended vocational rehabilitation, including transition from
- 5 education to employment and from secondary education to higher education;
- 6 e. In-home support, including mentors, individual and family training, and access
- 7 to respite care; and
- 8 f. Development of a statewide independent living skills curriculum for youth and
- 9 families.
- 10 3. Services to an individual youth must be appropriate to that individual and need not
- 11 include all services of the program.
- 12 4. The department may accept and receive grants and other sources of funding for
- 13 the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk. All
- 14 moneys received by the department as gifts, grants, or donations for the
- 15 development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk under this
- 16 section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the department.