

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide short-term shelter and assessment programs for at-risk youth; to
2 provide a report to the legislative management; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. SHORT-TERM SHELTER AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.**

5 1. During the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, the
6 department of human services shall continue the program established during the
7 2009-11 biennium in the south central judicial district for the purpose of providing
8 short-term shelter, assessment, and intervention services for at-risk children and
9 youth. The program must allow for the placement of at-risk children and youth in a
10 short-term shelter program and provide professional assessment and family
11 reunification services as an alternative to placement in foster care or group care. The
12 shelter facility must be nonsecure and approved by the juvenile court. The department
13 shall continue to contract with a private nonprofit organization to provide the program
14 services.

15 2. During the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, the
16 department of human services shall expand to at least one additional judicial district
17 the program established during the 2009-11 biennium in the south central judicial
18 district for the purpose of providing short-term shelter, assessment, and intervention
19 services for at-risk children and youth.

20 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
21 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the
22 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of contracting
23 with a private nonprofit organization to conduct the program provided for under subsection 1 of
24 section 1 of this Act, and the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to

1 the department of human services for the purpose of contracting with a private nonprofit
2 organization to conduct the program provided for under subsection 2 of section 1 of this Act, for
3 the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

4 **SECTION 3. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The department of human
5 services shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding the short-term shelter
6 and assessment pilot program authorized by section 1 of this Act.