

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2354

Introduced by

Senators Warner, Andrist, J. Lee

Representatives L. Meier, Rust

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an eating disorder training program; and to provide for a report to the
3 legislative management regarding eating disorders.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Eating disorder training program.**

8 The state department of health shall establish a training program to assist in early
9 recognition and intervention of eating disorders. The program must be consistent with standards
10 and practices of one or more nationally recognized organizations dealing with mental health and
11 eating disorders. The department shall provide training program access information in the
12 department's regular communication with professionals who will benefit from this training,
13 including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, psychiatrists,
14 psychologists, social workers, and counselors and with schools that train these professionals.

15 **SECTION 2. ~~NORTH DAKOTA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL~~ STUDY OF**
16 **EATING DISORDERS - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** During the 2011-12
17 biennium, the ~~department of human services' North Dakota mental health planning~~
18 ~~council~~ neuropsychiatric research institute shall study the issue of eating disorders in the state.

19 This study must include collection of data regarding the number of incidents of diagnosed eating
20 disorders in the state; an assessment of the adequacy of eating disorder training provided to
21 public school educators; an evaluation of the adequacy of the curriculum relating to eating
22 disorders in the state's medical and nursing education programs as well as in the continuing
23 education requirements for health care providers; a determination of strategies by which the
24 state can increase awareness of eating disorders, including symptoms, effects, and preventive

1 interventions; an assessment of the cost of treatment incurred by eating disorder patients which
2 is borne by the state's medical assistance program as well as by private health plans and
3 employers; an assessment of issues concerning access to care within the state for individuals
4 with eating disorders; and recommendations for strategies to improve education regarding
5 prevention of, early detection of, and treatment of eating disorders and an estimate of the fiscal
6 impact on the state and private payers for the implementation of such strategies; ~~and~~
7 ~~consideration of how the department of human services' North Dakota mental health planning~~
8 ~~council and other state entities may identify other issues related to the objectives of this study.~~
9 ~~The North Dakota mental health planning council~~ neuropsychiatric research institute shall make
10 its report of this study and any related recommendations to the legislative management before
11 August 1, 2012.