

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1273

Introduced by

Representatives Fehr, Lefor

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to require the attorney general to develop and implement a pilot grant program
2 to integrate the services of licensed social workers in law enforcement agencies; to provide for
3 a report to the legislative management; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. SOCIAL WORKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM -**
6 **CRITERIA - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

- 7 1. During the 2015-17 biennium, the attorney general shall develop and implement a pilot
8 program to provide grants to four law enforcement agencies to fund the cost of hiring
9 licensed social workers to provide services for each law enforcement agency receiving
10 a grant. Each grant awarded must be in the sum of \$150,000. The licensed social
11 workers hired under the grant program must provide services including assessment
12 and crisis intervention to individuals experiencing delinquency, mental health issues,
13 alcohol and substance use and abuse, family and neighbor conflicts, and crime
14 victimization; counseling to law enforcement officers and their families; and other
15 training and consultation services. An application for a grant must include a proposal
16 as to how the social worker's services will be utilized.
- 17 2. During the 2015-16 interim, the attorney general shall report to the legislative
18 management on the status and effectiveness of the pilot program, provide
19 recommendations for changes or improvements in the program, and present proposed
20 legislation necessary to implement the program on a permanent basis.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
22 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$600,000 or so much of the
23 sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of implementing the pilot

- 1 program and providing grants under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1,
- 2 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.