

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 in communities with a
9 population less than twelve thousand five hundred people and to fund the cost of
10 hiring licensed social workers to provide services for each law enforcement agency
11 receiving a grant. Each grant awarded must be in the sum of ~~\$150,000~~\$75,000. The
12 licensed social workers hired under the grant program must provide services including
13 assessment and crisis intervention to individuals experiencing delinquency, mental
14 health issues, alcohol and substance use and abuse, family and neighbor conflicts,
15 and crime victimization; counseling to law enforcement officers and their families; and
16 other training and consultation services. An application for a grant must include a
17 proposal as to how the social worker's services will be utilized.

18 2. During the 2015-16 interim, the attorney general shall report to the legislative
19 management on the status and effectiveness of the pilot program, provide
20 recommendations for changes or improvements in the program, and present proposed
21 legislation necessary to implement the program on a permanent basis.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
23 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$600,000~~\$300,000 or so much
24 of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of implementing the

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