

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1258

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, K. Koppelman, Roers Jones, Satrom

Senators Dwyer, Myrdal

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the creation of a pretrial services program pilot project within the
2 department of corrections and rehabilitation; and to provide for a report to the legislative
3 assembly; ~~and to provide an appropriation.~~

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

5 **SECTION 1. PRETRIAL SERVICES DIVISION PILOT PROJECT - REPORT TO**

6 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall establish a

7 pretrial services program as a pilot project in three judicial districts during the biennium

8 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The pretrial services pilot project must

9 involve coordination among the department, the judicial branch, the commission on legal

10 counsel for indigents, and state and local law enforcement agencies for the provision of pretrial

11 services by the department for the district courts to individuals charged with felony and

12 misdemeanor offenses. Pretrial services include objective risk assessments, background and

13 criminal history background investigations, recommendations for conditions of pretrial release

14 including community-based behavioral health services, monitoring and supervision of

15 individuals on pretrial release for compliance with pretrial conditions to assure the individual's

16 appearance at all court proceedings, and reporting violations of pretrial release conditions to the

17 district court. The department and the judicial branch shall provide a report of the process and

18 outcome measures of the pretrial services pilot program and recommendations, together with

19 any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative

20 assembly.

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 \$750,000, or so much of the~~
23 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purpose of~~
24 ~~implementing section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending~~

- 1 ~~June 30, 2021. There are created seven full-time equivalent positions in the department of~~
- 2 ~~corrections and rehabilitation, consisting of one program manager to work with stakeholders to~~
- 3 ~~construct the program, plus two staff for each of the three judicial districts where the pilot~~
- 4 ~~program is conducted.~~