

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2089

Page 1, line 3, after "assistance" insert "to amend and reenact section 50-06-32.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the autism spectrum disorder voucher program;"

Page 1, line 3, remove ",", after "1-02-35" and replace with "and"

Page 1, line 3, remove ", and 50-06-32.1"

Page 1, line 4, insert "and" after "language"

Page 1, line 5, remove ", and the autism spectrum disorder voucher program"

Page 1, after line 15, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 50-06-32.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The department of human services shall establish a voucher program ~~pilot project beginning July 1, 2014,~~ to assist individuals and their families in funding equipment, services, care, and ~~general educational needs~~ social activities or other needs to compensate for a deficit created by an autism spectrum disorder related to autism spectrum disorder for individuals below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level from age three to under age ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The program shall include funding for transportation of the individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, in-home supports not to exceed forty hours per month, and community activities. The program may include funding for assistive technology; video modeling videos or equipment; language-generating devices; training and educational material for parents; parenting education; sensory equipment; tutors; safety equipment; travel tools; self-care equipment; timers; visual representation systems; respite care; specialized day care; language comprehension equipment; and registration and related expenses for workshops and training to improve independent living skills, employment opportunities, and other executive or social skills.
2. The department shall adopt rules addressing management of this voucher program ~~pilot project~~ and establishing the eligibility requirements and exclusions for this voucher program ~~pilot project~~. The program may not provide a voucher for early intensive behavioral intervention, including

applied behavioral analysis, intensive early interventional behavioral therapy, intensive behavioral intervention, the Lovaas method, the Denver model, LEAP (learning experiences - an alternative program for preschoolers and parents), TEACCH (treatment and education of autistic and related communication handicapped children), pivotal response training, or discrete trial training.

3. The department shall allocate funding for family care navigator services which will assist the autism spectrum disorder voucher approved individual and family in navigating systems related to obtaining and coordinating services, equipment, care, and other eligible needs.
4. The department shall conduct annual outreach efforts to increase awareness of the voucher program funding available to eligible individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families.
- ~~35.~~ A decision on a voucher application which is issued by the department under this section may be appealed as provided under chapter 28-32.
4. ~~The department of human services shall report to the legislative management regarding the autism spectrum disorder program pilot project.~~

Page 1, line 16, remove “,” after “1-02-35” and replace with “and”

Page 1, line 16, remove “, and 50-06-32.1”

Renumber accordingly