

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2145
(Senators Roers, Barta, Axtman)
(Representatives Mitskog, O'Brien, Porter)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing immunity to an employee of a 988 suicide and crisis lifeline, 211 information and referral helpline, and 911 system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Behavior health instruction - Immunity from civil liability.

1. A person employed or contracted to provide a behavior health service, or any other service, through the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline, 211 information and referral helpline, or 911 system is not liable for any civil damages arising from providing the service to any individual unless the service provided constitutes willful and wanton misconduct or gross negligence.
2. This section does not waive, limit, or modify any existing immunity or other defense of the state or any political subdivision, or any of its agencies, departments, or employees, nor does it create any claim for relief against any of these entities.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2145.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State