

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2359  
(Senator Klein)  
(Representatives DeKrey, Devlin, Weisz)

AN ACT to provide for the designation of a regional human service center for program supervision in cases of multicounty program administration.

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

**SECTION 1. Multicounty agreement to administer social service programs - Selection of regional administration.** If two or more counties enter an agreement to jointly administer a program that is under the supervision of the department of human services, a county that is party to the agreement may request designation of a regional human service center for program supervision. The human service center requested must be providing supervision to one or more of the counties party to the multicounty agreement. Within six months of the request, the department of human services shall implement the county's request for the designation or negotiate with the county to reach an agreeable alternative. If the department of human services and the requesting county have not agreed on an alternative within six months of the request, the requesting designation must be implemented. A request for a change in the designation of a regional human service center may not be made for three years after a designation, unless the membership of the multicounty agreement changes.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2359.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    44        Nays    1        Absent    2

House Vote:    Yeas    93        Nays    0        Absent    1

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State