

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at  
3 risk; to provide for a pilot project; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Transition-aged youth at risk program - Definition - Rules.**

8 1. The department shall develop and implement or contract for the implementation of  
9 a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk. The department shall use  
10 a wraparound planning process. The department shall adopt rules to establish  
11 eligibility, services, and a distinct statewide interagency advisory council on  
12 transition-aged youth at risk, with youth and family representation, and with  
13 regional subcommittees. For the purposes of this section, transition-aged youth  
14 means children and young adults at risk due to:

- 15 a. Foster care, deprivation, or activity in the juvenile justice system;  
16 b. Serious mental illness or serious disabilities that do not qualify the youth for  
17 developmental disabilities case management; or  
18 c. Suicidal tendencies.

- 19 2. Within the limits of appropriations, services under the program must include:  
20 a. Individualized assessments to determine the needs and appropriate services  
21 to individual transition-aged youth at risk;  
22 b. Single plan of care to coordinate services among available service systems,  
23 emphasizing existing case management resources;  
24 c. Independent living skills, including self-advocacy training;

- 1           d. Enhanced or extended vocational rehabilitation, including transition from  
2           education to employment and from secondary education to higher education;  
3           e. In-home support, including mentors, individual and family training, and access  
4           to respite care; and  
5           f. Development of a statewide independent living skills curriculum for youth and  
6           families.
- 7           3. Services to an individual youth must be appropriate to that individual and need not  
8           include all services of the program.

9           **SECTION 2. TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH AT RISK PILOT PROJECT.** During the  
10          2009-11 biennium, the department of human services shall develop and implement on a pilot  
11          basis a program that provides those services listed in subsection 2 of section 1 of this Act. The  
12          pilot program must be conducted at an accessible location in an urban community with a large  
13          population of transition-aged youth at risk and must be open for various relevant community  
14          service providers that provide those services in that community.

15          **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
16          general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$700,000, or so much  
17          of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
18          establishing and implementing a pilot program for transition-aged youth at risk as provided in  
19          section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.