

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1044**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Long-Term Care Committee)

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 **Program for services to transition-aged youth at risk - 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. Deprivation or other activities resulting in youth being involved with the foster  
16 care or juvenile justice system;  
17 b. Serious mental illness or serious disabilities that do not qualify the youth for  
18 developmental disabilities case management; or  
19 c. Suicidal tendencies.

20 2. Within the limits of appropriations, services under the program must include:

- 21 a. Individualized assessments to determine the needs and appropriate services  
22 to individual transition-aged youth at risk;  
23 b. Single plan of care to coordinate services among available service systems,  
24 emphasizing existing case management resources;

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

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

16           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
17 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$700,000, or so much  
18 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
19 establishing and implementing a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk as  
20 provided in section 1 of this Act and the pilot program for transition-aged youth at risk as  
21 provided in section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,  
22 2011.