

HOUSE BILL NO. 1372

Introduced by

Representatives Kerzman, Nelson, Pinkerton

Senators Robinson, Wardner, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-15 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to adoption assessment costs.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 14-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Reimbursement of adoption assessment costs.** The department shall develop and
7 implement a program under which the department provides reimbursement to a prospective
8 adoptive family for the amount expended by the prospective adoptive family for the initial
9 preplacement adoption assessment that is conducted as part of the investigation. Under the
10 program, upon the submission of an application and appropriate documentation of initial
11 adoption assessment costs, the department shall provide direct reimbursement to the
12 prospective adoptive family. The program also must include the development of promotional
13 materials that are distributed to child-placing agencies for distribution to prospective adoptive
14 parents.