

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the establishment of an autism spectrum disorder registry; and  
2 to provide appropriations to the state department of health for an autism spectrum disorder  
3 registry and to the department of public instruction for autism spectrum disorder educational  
4 training and support.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 **Autism spectrum disorder registry.**

8 The state department of health shall establish and administer an autism spectrum disorder  
9 registry. The registry must include a record of all reported cases of autism spectrum disorder in  
10 the state and any other information deemed relevant and appropriate by the department in  
11 order to complete epidemiologic surveys of the autism spectrum disorder, enable analysis of the  
12 autism spectrum disorder, and provide services to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - AUTISM**

14 **SPECTRUM DISORDER REGISTRY.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
15 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$148,132, or so much of the  
16 sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of establishing and  
17 administering an autism spectrum disorder registry, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013,  
18 and ending June 30, 2015. The state department of health is authorized one full-time equivalent  
19 position for this initiative.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - AUTISM**

21 **SPECTRUM DISORDER EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT.** There is appropriated  
22 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum  
23 of \$198,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public  
24 instruction for the purpose of providing training and support to general education classroom

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- 1 teachers and other school staff regarding the most effective methods of educating and providing
- 2 services and support to individuals with autism spectrum disorder, for the biennium beginning
- 3 July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

Note: The State Department of Health also submitted a cost estimate of \$605,298, which includes funding for three new full-time equivalent positions, for a more comprehensive registry program.