

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a workers' compensation review committee study of the workers'
2 compensation preferred provider program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY -**

5 **PREFERRED PROVIDER PROGRAM.** During the 2013-14 interim, the workers' compensation
6 review committee shall study the workforce safety and insurance preferred provider program
7 created under sections 65-05-28.1 and 65-05-28.2. The committee may conduct this study by
8 including the study as one of the elements to be evaluated in the workforce safety and
9 insurance independent performance evaluation conducted under section 65-02-30. The study
10 should include consideration of the legislative history and intent of creation of the program;
11 whether the program has been successful in furthering the intent of the program; the
12 qualifications of the preferred providers and preferred provider networks selected by employers
13 under the program; whether employers and employees have benefited under the program and
14 whether there are any associated costs to the program; the process workforce safety and
15 insurance utilizes in considering whether to allow an employee to opt-out of the program; and
16 whether employers and employees participating in the program are familiar with the terms of the
17 program. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
18 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the legislative management.