

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2268**

Introduced by

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Representative N. Johnson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention  
2 and achievement pilot program; to provide for a report to the legislative management; to provide  
3 for a report to the sixty-third legislative assembly; to provide for a legislative management study;  
4 and to provide an expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. REGIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CENTERS OF EARLY**  
7 **INTERVENTION AND ACHIEVEMENT PILOT PROGRAM - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE**  
8 **MANAGEMENT - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** During the  
9 2011-13 biennium, the department of human services may use up to \$200,000 of funding from  
10 its legislative appropriation to establish and operate a regional autism spectrum disorder  
11 centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program.

- 12 1. The pilot program must provide a matching grant to a qualified applicant that is a  
13 nonprofit intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities which is  
14 licensed by the department of human services.
- 15 2. A qualified applicant shall establish the availability of \$1 of nonstate, cash matching  
16 funds for each grant dollar awarded under this section. The source of the matching  
17 funds must be funds of the applicant.
- 18 3. A qualified applicant shall submit a plan for the funding, development, and delivery of  
19 skilled services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder who reside within the  
20 applicant's service region. The plan must provide for the establishment of a regional  
21 autism spectrum disorder center of early intervention and achievement in a city with a  
22 population of more than ten thousand.

1           4. As a condition of a grant award under this program, a qualified applicant shall agree to  
2           collaborate with the department of human services in developing and implementing  
3           the plan as well as postaward monitoring by the department of human services.

4           5. The department of human services shall report to the legislative management before  
5           September 30, 2012, on the preliminary findings and recommendations of the pilot  
6           program. The department of human services shall provide a written report  
7           summarizing the status of the pilot program and any findings and recommendations to  
8           the legislative management before December 31, 2012.

9           6. The department of human services shall report to the appropriations committees of the  
10          sixty-third legislative assembly on the status of the pilot program and any findings and  
11          recommendations.

12          **SECTION 2. AUTISM STUDY - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the  
13          2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the current system for the  
14          diagnosis of, early treatment of, care for, and education of individuals with autism spectrum  
15          disorder. The study must include a review of a sliding fee scale for payment of services and the  
16          value of services provided. The study must consider the recommendations of the autism  
17          spectrum disorder task force and must seek input from stakeholders in the private and public  
18          sectors, including families affected by autism spectrum disorder, insurers, educators, treatment  
19          providers, early childhood service providers, caretakers, and nonprofit intermediate care  
20          facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The legislative management shall report its  
21          findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
22          recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.

23          **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2013,  
24          and after that date is ineffective.