

Introduced by

Senator Sitte

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 19-03.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to reduction of mandatory offenses for controlled substances violations
3 and a report on reduced correctional expenditures.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Court may reconsider mandatory sentences - Report on reduction of expenditures.**

- 8 1. On motion of the defendant, the director of the department of corrections and
9 rehabilitation, the attorney general, or the state's attorney of the county in which the
10 defendant was convicted of the offense, a court that has imposed a mandatory term of
11 imprisonment under this chapter may reduce the sentence if the defendant was not
12 also subject to a mandatory term of imprisonment under section 12.1-32-02.1.
- 13 2. Within a year of the effective date of this Act and by August first of each subsequent
14 even-numbered year, the attorney general and the director of the department of
15 corrections and rehabilitation shall submit to the legislative management a report
16 outlining whether a reduction of sentence under subsection 1 has resulted in reduced
17 expenditures on corrections and how any resulting cost-savings may be used to
18 increase law enforcement activities and crime prevention and help reduce criminal
19 recidivism.