

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota
2 century code, relating to medical assistance coverage for certain behavioral health services; to
3 provide for the development of an outcomes-based data system for behavioral health services;
4 to provide appropriations to the department of human services for improving behavioral health
5 services; to provide an appropriation to highway patrol for law enforcement training; and to
6 provide for legislative management studies.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
9 and enacted as follows:

10 **Behavioral health services - Licensed marriage and family therapists.**

11 The department of human services shall adopt rules entitling licensed marriage and family
12 therapists to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical
13 assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department determines necessary based
14 on federal laws and regulations.

15 **SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - OUTCOMES-BASED DATA**

16 **SYSTEM - REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The department of human services
17 shall develop an outcomes-based data system for behavioral health services during the
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The department of human
19 services shall report periodically to the legislative management during the 2015-16 interim on
20 the development of the outcomes-based data system.

21 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SUBSTANCE**

22 **ABUSE SERVICES - REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There is
23 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
24 appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the

1 department of human services for the purpose of expanding adult and youth substance abuse
2 services, including detoxification services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
3 June 30, 2017. The department of human services shall report to the legislative management
4 on the use of these funds by July 1, 2016.

5 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - GRANTS FOR**
6 **E-PSYCHIATRY.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$175,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing grants to licensed
9 hospitals to establish e-psychiatry services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
10 June 30, 2017. Grants awarded to an individual licensed hospital under this section may not
11 exceed \$10,000. The department of human services, in awarding grants under this section,
12 shall give priority to critical access hospitals.

13 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -**
14 **TELEMEDICINE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
15 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$175,000, or so much of the sum as may be
16 necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of expanding the availability of
17 telemedicine services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

18 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY PATROL - TRAINING.** There is appropriated
19 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum
20 of \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the highway patrol for the purpose
21 of providing mental health first aid training for state and local law enforcement personnel, for the
22 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

23 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN**
24 **SERVICES STRUCTURE.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall
25 consider studying the structure and services of the department of human services. If conducted,
26 the study must identify core services provided by the department of human services, services
27 which may be provided by private providers rather than the department of human services, and
28 whether it is appropriate for the department of human services to provide services it also
29 regulates. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along
30 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative
31 assembly.

1 **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH -**
2 **JUDICIAL ISSUES.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider
3 studying judicial issues relating to behavioral health, including 24-hour hold, termination of
4 parental rights, and court committals. The legislative management shall report its findings and
5 recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
6 the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.