

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2193**

Introduced by

Senators Heckaman, Mathern, Nelson

Representatives Kiefert, Muscha, Oversen

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for expansion of the autism spectrum disorder medicaid waiver; and
2 to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**

5 **MEDICAID WAIVER.** The department of human services, during the biennium beginning July 1,
6 2013, and ending June 30, 2015, shall seek approval from the federal centers for medicare and
7 medicaid services to expand the department's autism spectrum disorder medicaid waiver to
8 cover thirty-five additional individuals from birth through age five. The expansion to the waiver
9 must become effective on or after January 1, 2014, and must include appropriate behavior
10 intervention and treatment services that may include evidence-based and promising practices,
11 case management services, technology and technology-based support, in-home support,
12 equipment and supplies, home monitoring, respite care, residential supports and services, and
13 behavioral consultation.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - STATE**

15 **AUTISM COORDINATOR.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
16 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$400,000, or so much of the sum as may
17 be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of hiring a state autism
18 coordinator who would be responsible for implementing a resource and service center to
19 provide information and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, developing a
20 statewide outreach plan, conducting regional meetings and an annual conference, and
21 developing a protocol for use after screenings, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and
22 ending June 30, 2015. The department of human services is authorized one full-time equivalent
23 position for this purpose.

1 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - STATEWIDE**

2 **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TRAINING EFFORT.** There is appropriated out of any
3 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
4 \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services
5 for the purpose of implementing a statewide autism spectrum disorder training effort, including
6 physician training; regional training; school staff training; training to support behavior analyst
7 certification; training to improve independent living skills, preemployment opportunities, and
8 executive and social skills; training and educational materials for parents; and parenting
9 education for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.