

HOUSE BILL NO. 1424

Introduced by

Representatives Boehning, Grande, Gruchalla, Guggisberg, S. Kelsh, Paur, Thoreson,
Wieland

Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of veterans' affairs for veterans'
2 programs; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
5 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,490,000, or so much of the
6 sum as may be necessary, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of conducting a
7 veterans' needs assessment and providing healing, therapy, and outreach services to North
8 Dakota veterans, military personnel, their families, and other North Dakota residents suffering
9 from posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other neurologic disorders, for the
10 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015, as follows:

11 Therapies and healing services	\$900,000
12 North Dakota specific needs assessment	\$50,000
13 Regional outreach services	\$240,000
14 Leased capital costs	\$300,000

15 Any contract entered or grant awarded by the department of veterans' affairs under this section
16 must include provisions allowing oversight and monitoring and accountability measures and
17 outcome reporting regarding the use of the funds.

18 **SECTION 2. SERVICES AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
19 **MANAGEMENT.** The department of veterans' affairs shall report quarterly to the legislative
20 management ~~by September 1, 2014,~~ regarding the status of the needs assessment and
21 programs and services provided, including related accountability measures and outcomes,
22 under section 1 of this Act.