

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2243

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Unruh, Mathern

Representatives Hofstad, J. Nelson, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of behavioral health needs; ~~and~~
2 ~~to provide an appropriation.~~

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.** During the
5 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall study behavioral health needs. The study
6 must include consideration of behavioral health needs of youth and adults and the scope of the
7 study must include consideration of access, availability, and delivery of services. The study
8 must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, social and
9 clinical service providers, education, medical providers, mental health advocacy organizations,
10 emergency medical service providers, juvenile court, tribal government, and state and local
11 agencies and institutions. The legislative council may contract for consulting and coordination of
12 study services to assist the legislative management in conducting the behavioral health study.
13 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
14 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

15 ~~—SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
16 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$45,000, or so much of the~~
17 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting for consulting~~
18 ~~and coordination of study services to assist the legislative management in conducting the~~
19 ~~behavioral health study under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and~~
20 ~~ending June 30, 2015.~~