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Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, Damschen, Holman, D. Johnson, Vigesaa

Senators Mathern, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a shelter and assessment pilot project for at-risk youth; to

2 provide an appropriation; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

4   **SECTION 1. SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER - PILOT**

5 **PROJECT.** The department of human services shall establish a pilot project with a multibed

6 facility in the lake region human service region for the purpose of providing short-term shelter,

7 assessment and intervention services, respite care, and community-based treatment for at-risk

8 youth for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The project must

9 allow for the placement of at-risk youth in a short-term, nonsecure shelter and provide

10 professional assessment, treatment, and family reunification services. The department of

11 human services may contract with a nonprofit organization to provide for the pilot project.

12   **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.** There is

13 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise

14 appropriated, the sum of $750,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the

15 department of human services for the purpose of establishing a short-term residential juvenile

16 assessment center pilot project, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,

17 2017. The department of human services shall implement the pilot project in conjunction with

18 the implementation of the mental health assessment network, if approved by the sixty-fourth

19 legislative assembly as provided for in Senate Bill No. 2048.

20   **SECTION 3. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The department of human

21 services shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding the short-term

22 residential shelter, assessment, referral, and intervention project by July 1, 2016.