**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2206**

Introduced by

Senators Bekkedahl, Burckhard, Cook

Representatives Dockter, Nathe, Weisz

1   A BILL for an Act to provide for the development of an implementation plan for state-funded

2   county social services; and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.

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

4   **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT OF AN**

5   **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR STATE-FUNDED COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES - REPORT**

6   **TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** During the 2017-18 interim, the department of human

7   services shall develop an implementation plan for the eventual state funding of county social

8   services and elimination of county human service levy authority under section 57-15-06.7. The

9   plan must be developed in consultation with an advisory committee that must include at least

10   four members of the legislative assembly and additional members selected by the executive

11   director of the department. The development of the plan may include a proposed pilot project

12   and must address the following items: options for efficiencies and aggregation and consolidation

13   of county social services offices and organizations, including the potential reduction in county

14   and other staff; considerations for oversight and chain of command within social services and

15   human services; and recommendations for caseloads and outcomes for social services,

16   designated child welfare services, and economic assistance. The development of the plan must

17   consider the delivery of county social services to ensure appropriate and adequate levels of

18   service continue under the structure proposed in an implementation plan. The implementation

19   plan must be submitted to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly as part of the department of

20   human services budget request and identify the estimated biennial cost of the plan upon full

21   implementation.