

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1258**

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, K. Koppelman, Roers Jones, Satrom

Senators Dwyer, Myrdal

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the creation of a pretrial services program pilot project within the  
2 department of corrections and rehabilitation; to provide for a report to the legislative assembly;  
3 and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. PRETRIAL SERVICES DIVISION PILOT PROJECT - REPORT TO**

6 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall establish a  
7 pretrial services program as a pilot project in three judicial districts during the biennium  
8 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The pretrial services pilot project must  
9 involve coordination among the department, the judicial branch, the commission on legal  
10 counsel for indigents, and state and local law enforcement agencies for the provision of pretrial  
11 services by the department for the district courts to individuals charged with felony and  
12 misdemeanor offenses. Pretrial services include objective risk assessments, background and  
13 criminal history background investigations, recommendations for conditions of pretrial release  
14 including community-based behavioral health services, monitoring and supervision of  
15 individuals on pretrial release for compliance with pretrial conditions to assure the individual's  
16 appearance at all court proceedings, and reporting violations of pretrial release conditions to the  
17 district court. The department and the judicial branch shall provide a report of the process and  
18 outcome measures of the pretrial services pilot program and recommendations, together with  
19 any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative  
20 assembly.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
22 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$750,000, or so much of the  
23 sum as may be necessary, to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purpose of  
24 implementing section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending

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- 1 June 30, 2021. There are created seven full-time equivalent positions in the department of
- 2 corrections and rehabilitation, consisting of one program manager to work with stakeholders to
- 3 construct the program, plus two staff for each of the three judicial districts where the pilot
- 4 program is conducted.