

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Adams, Eidson, Hager, Holman

Senator Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the assessment of individuals with an intellectual disability; and to
3 amend and reenact sections 25-04-02.1 and 25-16-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to the licensure of life skills and transition center by the department of human services;
5 and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-04-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **25-04-02.1. Accreditation of life skills and transition center - Licensure.**

10 1. The department of human services shall request appropriations and resources
11 sufficient to ensure maintenance of the life skills and transition center's accreditation
12 by the accreditation council on services for people with developmental disabilities and
13 certification by the health care financing administration ~~or~~ and, if deemed necessary, by
14 similar accrediting and certifying organizations and agencies possessing standards
15 applicable to an individual with a developmental disability and disciplines needed to
16 provide quality services to individuals served.

17 2. Upon a showing the life skills and transition center satisfies the requirements of
18 licensure, the department of human services shall issue a license as required under
19 section 25-16-03.

20 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-16-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **25-16-01. Definitions.**

23 In this chapter unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

24 1. "Department" means the department of human services.

1 2. "Treatment or care center" means an entity providing services to individuals with
2 developmental disabilities and licensed by the department to provide services. The
3 term includes the life skills and transition center.

4 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Assessment of individuals with an intellectual disability.**

7 The department shall establish and implement a standardized assessment tool such as the
8 American association on intellectual and developmental disabilities' supports intensity scale to
9 assess individuals with an intellectual disability who are served through the department,
10 including the life skills and transition center and the state hospital.

11 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
12 and enacted as follows:

13 **Regional crisis support services for individuals with an intellectual disability.**

14 The department shall establish regional crisis support services for individuals with an
15 intellectual disability. Each regional crisis support services local team must include at least two
16 individuals with available contracted support. The regional crisis support services teams shall
17 provide timely one-on-one crisis assistance to individuals with an intellectual disability.

18 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS**

19 **WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative
20 management shall consider studying the results of the standardized assessment of individuals
21 with an intellectual disability. The study must consider which services, support, and funding are
22 necessary to allow individuals with an intellectual disability to live in and remain in their
23 community. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
24 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh
25 legislative assembly.