

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Adams, Eidson, Hager, Holman

Senator Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 25-04 and a new section to
2 chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to program management for residents
3 of the life skills and transition center and regional crisis support services for individuals with an
4 intellectual or developmental disability; to amend and reenact section 25-04-02.1 and
5 subsection 4 of section 50-06-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to accreditation of
6 life skills and transition center and assessment of intellectual or developmental disabilities; and
7 to provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

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

11 **25-04-02.1. Accreditation of life skills and transition center.**

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

19 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 25-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
20 and enacted as follows:

21 **Program management for a resident.**

22 ~~The department shall assign a developmental disabilities program manager to each eligible~~
23 ~~individual who resides at the life skills and transition center.~~ The department shall ensure active

1 program management is maintained for eligible individuals residing at the life skills and
2 transition center.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 50-06-37 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 4. The department shall ~~contract with a team of support intensity scale assessors by~~
6 ~~September 1, 2011. The team shall begin assessing immediately the identified client~~
7 ~~pilot group identified by the consultant contracted in subsection 2. Assessments must~~
8 ~~be completed for all eligible individuals residing at the life skills and transition center~~
9 ~~and for eligible individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in long-term~~
10 ~~care facilities who wish to enter a less restrictive setting.~~ conduct the standardized
11 assessment of eligible individuals residing at the life skills and transition center.

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

14 **Regional crisis support services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental**
15 **disability.**

16 The department shall establish regional crisis support services for individuals with an
17 intellectual or developmental disability. The regional crisis support services teams shall provide
18 timely ~~one-on-one~~ crisis assistance to individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability.

19 **SECTION 5. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - SYSTEM OF SERVICES FOR**
20 **INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.** The

21 department of human services shall provide the legislative management a status report on:

- 22 1. The ongoing work of the department to improve community provider capacity,
23 including any barriers encountered and policy review; and
24 2. The system of services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability,
25 including a review of the existing service system, funding, and unmet needs.