

March 2, 2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2089

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new subsection to section 50-06-32 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the autism spectrum disorder task force; to"

Page 1, line 1, after "50-06-05.1" insert "and section 50-06-32.1"

Page 1, line 3, after "assistance" insert "and the autism spectrum disorder voucher program"

Page 1, after line 16, insert:

"SECTION 2. A new subsection to section 50-06-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

The department shall contract with a private, nonprofit entity that does not provide autism spectrum disorder services to facilitate and provide support services to the autism spectrum disorder task force.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 50-06-32.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-06-32.1. Autism spectrum disorder voucher program ~~pilot project~~ -
~~Legislative management report~~Report to autism spectrum disorder task force -
Appeal.**

1. The department of human services shall establish a voucher program ~~pilot project~~ beginning July 1, 2014, to assist individuals and the family of such individuals in funding equipment, services, care and general educational needs related to social activities or other needs to compensate for a deficit created by an autism spectrum disorder for individuals below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level from age three to under age ~~eighteen~~twenty-five who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The program must include funding for in-home supports not to exceed forty hours per month, community activities, and transportation of the individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to and from voucher-funded activities or services. The program may include funding for assistive technology; video modeling videos or equipment; language-generating devices; training and educational material for parents; parenting education; sensory equipment; tutors; safety equipment; travel tools; self-care equipment; timers; visual representation systems; respite care; specialized day care; language comprehension equipment; and registration and related expenses for workshops and training to improve independent living skills, employment opportunities, and other executive or social skills.
2. The department shall adopt rules addressing management of this voucher program ~~pilot project~~ and establishing the eligibility requirements and exclusions for this voucher program ~~pilot project~~. The program may not provide a voucher for early intensive behavioral intervention, including applied behavioral analysis, intensive early interventional behavioral therapy, intensive behavioral intervention, the Lovaas method, the Denver

model, LEAP (learning experiences - an alternative program for preschoolers and parents), TEACCH (treatment and education of autistic and related communication handicapped children), pivotal response training, or discrete trial training.

3. The department shall allocate funding for family care navigator services that will assist the autism spectrum disorder voucher-approved individual and family in navigating systems related to obtaining and coordinating services, equipment, care, and other eligible needs.
4. The department shall conduct ongoing outreach efforts to increase awareness of the voucher program funding available to eligible individuals with autism spectrum disorder and the families of these individuals. Quarterly, the department shall report to the autism spectrum disorder task force.
5. A decision on a voucher application which is issued by the department under this section may be appealed as provided under chapter 28-32.
4. ~~The department of human services shall report to the legislative management regarding the autism spectrum disorder program pilot project."~~

Page 1, line 20, replace "adopt" with "draft proposed"

Page 1, line 22, remove "The administrative code changes should consider"

Page 1, replace lines 23 and 24 with "Before being adopted by the department of human services, the draft rules first must be approved by the autism spectrum disorder task force."

Page 2, line 2, after "with" insert "one million"

Page 2, line 2, after "hundred" insert "and eighty-five"

Page 2, line 4, remove "**AND TASK FORCE**"

Page 2, line 7, remove "and the elimination of the autism spectrum disorder task"

Page 2, line 8, remove "force"

Renumber accordingly