

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the department of health and human services for
2 state hospital facilities and to provide for regional acute psychiatric treatment services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE HOSPITAL BUILDING.** There is appropriated out
5 of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
6 \$10,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and
7 human services for the purpose of building renovation costs at the state hospital, for the
8 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department shall use the
9 funds appropriated in this section to renovate a building at the state hospital to provide forty or
10 fewer beds to primarily serve individuals with a mental illness who are under the custody of the
11 department of corrections and rehabilitation, who are involuntarily committed to receive acute
12 psychiatric treatment services, and who are under a court order to receive a forensic
13 examination.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT**
15 **SERVICES.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
16 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$120,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
17 necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of providing
18 regional acute psychiatric treatment services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
19 ending June 30, 2027. The department shall establish four acute psychiatric treatment service
20 regions in the state. The department may use the funds provided in this section to either
21 construct an up to twenty-four bed acute psychiatric treatment facility in each service region or
22 to contract with one or more private entities to provide acute psychiatric treatment services in
23 each region.