

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2012

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various divisions of
2 the department of health and human services; to provide an exemption; to amend and reenact
3 sections 50-06-42, 50-24.1-26, and 50-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the
4 substance use disorder treatment voucher system, Medicaid in-home services, and the
5 children's health insurance program; to repeal section 50-06-32.1 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code, relating to the autism voucher; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a
7 study; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.

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

9 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
10 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
11 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
12 other income, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of defraying the
13 expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
14 2025, as follows:

15 Subdivision 1.

	MANAGEMENT		
		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
19 Salaries and wages	\$21,363,556	\$3,045,900	\$24,409,456
20 Operating expenses	151,161,924	89,904,000	241,065,924
21 Capital assets	<u>75,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,000</u>
22 Total all funds	\$172,600,480	\$92,949,900	\$265,550,380
23 Less estimated income	<u>92,905,426</u>	<u>93,255,417</u>	<u>186,160,843</u>
24 Total general fund	\$79,695,054	(\$305,517)	\$79,389,537

1 Subdivision 2.

2 PROGRAM AND POLICY

3			Adjustments or	
4		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
5	Salaries and wages	\$122,081,310	\$19,537,197	\$141,618,507
6	Operating expenses	176,078,719	55,722,549	231,801,268
7	Capital assets	10,000	0	10,000
8	Grants	467,144,387	190,506,682	657,651,069
9	Grants - medical assistance	3,028,666,463	556,176,867	3,584,843,330
10	Opioid prevention	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
11	Total all funds	\$3,793,980,879	\$823,943,295	\$4,617,924,174
12	Less estimated income	<u>2,499,452,627</u>	<u>489,283,991</u>	<u>2,988,736,618</u>
13	Total general fund	\$1,294,528,252	\$334,659,304	\$1,629,187,556

14 Subdivision 3.

15 FIELD SERVICES

16			Adjustments or	
17		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Human service centers	\$163,213,829	\$26,160,626	\$189,374,455
19	Institutions	<u>130,383,428</u>	<u>33,139,340</u>	<u>163,522,768</u>
20	Total all funds	\$293,597,257	\$59,299,966	\$352,897,223
21	Less estimated income	<u>114,273,300</u>	<u>(18,574,719)</u>	<u>95,698,581</u>
22	Total general fund	\$179,323,957	\$77,874,685	\$257,198,642

23 Subdivision 4.

24 COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE FINANCING

25			Adjustments or	
26		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
27	County social services	<u>\$189,917,386</u>	<u>\$35,444,200</u>	<u>\$225,361,586</u>
28	Total all funds	\$189,917,386	\$35,444,200	\$225,361,586
29	Less estimated income	<u>188,676,995</u>	<u>35,333,519</u>	<u>224,010,514</u>
30	Total general fund	\$1,240,391	\$110,681	\$1,351,072

31 Subdivision 5.

1	TOTAL - SECTION 1		
2			Adjustments or
3		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>
			<u>Appropriation</u>
4	Grand total general fund	\$1,554,787,654	\$412,339,153
5	Grant total special funds	<u>2,895,308,348</u>	<u>599,298,208</u>
6	Grant total all funds	\$4,450,096,002	\$1,011,637,361
7	Full-time equivalent positions	2,265.33	94.00
			2,359.33

8 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
9 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium:

10	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
11	Technology projects	\$67,596,372	\$72,000,000
12	Quality measures	45,375	0
13	Nursing payment methodology	7,200,000	0
14	Developmental disabilities provider stabilization grants	125,000	0
15	Human service center projects	724,000	735,154
16	Opioid settlement funding	2,000,000	0
17	Special session one-time appropriations	138,389,558	0
18	State hospital design	0	5,000,000
19	Operating inflation	0	20,564,344
20	Field services revenue replacement	0	36,028,141
21	Program integrity audits	0	4,500,000
22	Pregnant and parenting residential	0	1,000,000
23	Workforce initiative	<u>0</u>	<u>13,000,000</u>
24	Total all funds	\$216,080,305	\$152,827,639
25	Less estimated income	<u>191,847,089</u>	<u>97,267,326</u>
26	Total general fund	\$24,233,216	\$55,560,313

27 **SECTION 3. FUNDING TRANSFERS - EXEMPTION - AUTHORIZATION - REPORT.**

28 Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget shall
29 transfer appropriation authority between line items within subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of section 1 of
30 this Act, section 1 of House Bill No. 1004 as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly,
31 and any remaining appropriation authority for the department of health and human services

1 approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and
2 ending June 30, 2025, as requested by the department of health and human services.
3 Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget shall
4 transfer appropriation authority from line items within subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of section 1 of this
5 Act, section 1 of House Bill No. 1004 as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly and
6 any remaining appropriation authority for the department of health and human services
7 approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly to subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act for the
8 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as requested by the department of
9 health and human services. The department of health and human services shall notify the
10 legislative council of any transfer made pursuant to this section. The department shall report to
11 the budget section after June 30, 2024, any transfer made in excess of \$50,000 and to the
12 appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly regarding any transfers made
13 pursuant to this section.

14 **SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.** Section 1 of this Act and
15 section 1 of House Bill No. 1004 include appropriation authority for the department of health and
16 human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. On July 1,
17 2023, the office of management and budget shall combine the appropriation authority contained
18 in section 1 of this Act and section 1 of House Bill No. 1004, and any other appropriation
19 authority for the department of health and human services in other bills approved by the
20 sixty-eighth legislative assembly, into one budget for the department of health and human
21 services. The department of health and human services shall submit one budget request for the
22 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

23 **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND -**
24 **HUMAN SERVICE FINANCE FUND.** The office of management and budget shall transfer the
25 sum of \$21,600,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the human service
26 finance fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

27 **SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - HUMAN SERVICE FINANCE FUND.** The estimated
28 income line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$221,600,000 from
29 the human service finance fund for state-paid economic assistance and social and human
30 services.

1 **SECTION 7. ESTIMATED INCOME - COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND.** The estimated
2 income line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$20,400,000 from
3 the community health trust fund for defraying expenses of the child support computer
4 replacement project.

5 **SECTION 8. ESTIMATED INCOME - LEGACY EARNINGS FUND.** The estimated income
6 line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$7,000,000 from the legacy
7 earnings fund for defraying expenses for the child care assistance programs.

8 **SECTION 9. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
9 **FUND.** The estimated income line item in subdivision 5 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum
10 of \$17,735,154 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the following
11 purposes:

- 12 1. The sum of \$11,000,000 for the procurement and grants management system;
- 13 2. The sum of \$5,000,000 for the design of a new state hospital;
- 14 3. The sum of \$1,000,000 for pregnant and parenting women residential facilities; and
- 15 4. The sum of \$735,154 for projects at the southeast human service center.

16 **SECTION 10. CAPITAL PAYMENTS.** During the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and
17 ending June 30, 2025, the department of health and human services is authorized to expend
18 funds for the payment of special assessments at the state hospital and life skills and transition
19 center. Pursuant to section 3 of this Act, the director of the office of management and budget
20 may transfer appropriation authority between line items within subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of
21 section 1 of this Act, section 1 of House Bill No. 1004, and any remaining appropriation authority
22 for the department of health and human services approved by the sixty-eighth legislative
23 assembly. The department may transfer funds for the payment of special assessments at the
24 state hospital and life skills and transition center ahead of the special assessments schedule.
25 Notwithstanding section 54-27-12, the department may spend funds for the payment of special
26 assessments at the state hospital and life skills and transition center.

27 **SECTION 11. CAPITAL PROJECTS - EMERGENCY COMMISSION APPROVAL.** During
28 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, the department of health and
29 human services is authorized to proceed with the demolition of the administrative building and
30 employee building and associated tunnels at the state hospital. Pursuant to section 3 of this Act,
31 the director of the office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority

1 between line items within subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of section 1 of this Act, section 1 of House Bill
2 No. 1004, and any remaining appropriation authority for the department of health and human
3 services approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly. The department may transfer funds
4 for the demolition of the identified buildings and associated tunnels and for emergency capital
5 projects. Notwithstanding section 54-27-12, the department of health and human services may
6 spend up to \$5,000,000 for emergency projects under this section and may seek emergency
7 commission approval to spend more than \$5,000,000 under this section.

8 **SECTION 12. CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - DIRECT PAYMENTS.**

9 Subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of financial
10 assistance and direct payments for child care services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,
11 and ending June 30, 2025. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of section 50-11.1-14.1, the
12 department may provide financial assistance to beneficiaries related to child care services. The
13 requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to this subsection, including the selection of
14 recipients and the disbursement of funds.

15 **SECTION 13. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS.** Subdivision 2 of
16 section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$4,672,536 from the general fund for permanent
17 supportive housing grants. The department of health and human services shall develop a
18 funding methodology to distribute the funding to qualified entities that utilize best practices for
19 permanent supportive housing, provide recovery-oriented and person-centered services, submit
20 process and outcome measures to the department, and authorize the department to conduct
21 onsite visits to review program operations.

22 **SECTION 14. STATE HOSPITAL PROJECT - COMMUNITY ACUTE PSYCHIATRY -**

23 **REPORT.** Subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$5,000,000 from the
24 strategic investment and improvements fund for the design of a new state hospital. As part of
25 the design process, the department of health and human services shall consider statewide
26 acute psychiatric needs, including the establishment of acute psychiatric facilities in Dickinson,
27 Williston, Minot, Devils Lake, and Grand Forks and shall consider collaborating and entering
28 partnerships with local mental health and substance use disorder providers. The department
29 shall present a report to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly regarding options for a new state
30 hospital.

1 **SECTION 15. EXPENDITURES MAY NOT EXCEED APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL**
2 **ASSISTANCE EXPANSION PROGRAM - APPLICATION.**

- 3 1. Subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$942,550,279, of which
4 \$94,225,028 is from the general fund, for the medical assistance expansion program
5 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The expenditures
6 for individuals eligible for the medical assistance expansion program may not exceed
7 this amount.
- 8 2. The department of health and human services may exceed appropriations for
9 increases in medical assistance expansion program caseload, for the addition of
10 coverage consistent with the traditional Medicaid 1915(i) state plan, utilization rates,
11 and unwinding of the federal Medicaid continuous enrollment requirement, and
12 reduction in federal medical assistance percentage.
- 13 3. The managed care organization under contract with the department to manage the
14 medical assistance expansion program shall reimburse providers within the same
15 provider type and specialty at consistent levels and with consistent methodology and
16 may not provide incentive, quality, or supplemental payments to providers, unless part
17 of a value-based program approved by the department. The managed care
18 organization shall reimburse all North Dakota substance use providers of American
19 society of addiction medicine level 2.5 at consistent levels and with consistent
20 methodology. The managed care organization may consider urban and rural providers
21 as different provider types. Critical access hospitals may not be paid less than one
22 hundred percent of Medicare allowable costs.
- 23 4. The managed care organization and the department of health and human services
24 shall ensure payments to Indian or Tribal 638 health care providers, federally qualified
25 health centers, and rural health clinics meet the federally required minimum levels of
26 reimbursement.
- 27 5. The department of health and human services shall ensure providers within the same
28 provider type and specialty are reimbursed at consistent levels and with consistent
29 methodology and shall ensure the capitation rates under risk contracts are actuarially
30 sound and are adequate to meet managed care organization contractual requirements

1 regarding availability of services, assurance of adequate capacity and services, and
2 coordination and continuity of care.

3 **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **50-06-42. Substance use disorder treatment voucher system. (~~Retroactive application~~**
6 **~~-See note~~)**

7 1. The department shall establish and administer, within the limits of legislative
8 appropriations, a voucher system to address underserved areas and gaps in the
9 state's substance abuse treatment system and to assist in the payment of addiction
10 treatment services provided by licensed substance abuse treatment programs,
11 excluding regional human service centers; and hospital- or medical clinic-based
12 programs for medical management of withdrawal; ~~and any institution for mental~~
13 ~~diseases in accordance with subsection 2.~~ An out-of-state licensed substance abuse
14 treatment program located within a bordering state may participate in the voucher
15 program to serve an underserved area of this state pursuant to the rules adopted by
16 the department. The department shall develop rules to include processes and
17 requirements for an out-of-state provider to receive reimbursement only for outpatient
18 and community-based services upon a provider completing an assessment of need
19 and receiving approval from the department.

20 2. ~~The department shall deny a licensed substance abuse treatment program's~~
21 ~~substance use disorder treatment voucher system application and deny~~
22 ~~reimbursement by the substance use disorder treatment voucher system if the~~
23 ~~licensed substance abuse treatment program is an institution for mental diseases and~~
24 ~~reimbursement is requested for residential beds added on or after July 1, 2020.~~

25 3. Services eligible for the voucher program include only those levels of care recognized
26 by the American society of addiction medicine, with particular emphasis given to
27 underserved areas and programs. The department shall ensure that a licensed
28 substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical clinic program accepting
29 vouchers collects and reports process and outcome measures.

30 4.3. The department shall develop requirements and provide training and technical
31 assistance to a licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical

1 clinic program accepting vouchers. A licensed substance abuse treatment program,
2 hospital, and medical clinic program accepting vouchers shall provide evidence-based
3 services.

4 5.4. The department shall allocate funding appropriated for the substance use disorder
5 treatment voucher as follows:

- 6 a. No more than forty-five percent of the appropriated amount may be allocated for
7 residential substance use disorder services administered by licensed substance
8 abuse treatment programs with more than sixteen beds.
- 9 b. The remaining appropriation must be allocated for residential programs with
10 sixteen or fewer beds, nonresidential outpatient, and ancillary substance use
11 disorder services administered by licensed substance abuse treatment programs.

12 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **50-24.1-26. Medicaid waivers - In-home services.**

15 The department shall administer Medicaid waivers to provide in-home services to children
16 with extraordinary medical needs and to children up to the age of ~~sixteen~~eighteen diagnosed
17 with an autism spectrum disorder who would otherwise meet institutional level of care. The
18 department may prioritize applicants for the waiver for children with extraordinary medical
19 needs by degree of need.

20 **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **50-29-04. Plan requirements.**

23 The plan:

- 24 1. Must be consistent with coverage provided to children eligible for medical assistance
25 in the state; and
- 26 2. Must provide:
- 27 a. A modified adjusted gross income eligibility limit of ~~one~~two hundred
28 ~~seventy-five~~ten percent of the poverty line; and
- 29 b. Current eligibility may be established from the first day of the month in which the
30 application was received. Retroactive eligibility may be established for the three
31 calendar months that immediately preceded the month in which the application

1 was received even if there is no eligibility in the month of application. Eligibility
2 can be established if all factors of eligibility are met during each month.

3 **SECTION 19. REPEAL.** Section 50-06-32.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

4 **SECTION 20. BUILDING PROJECT - LEASE.** The department of health and human
5 services is authorized to enter into agreements with vendors to build two buildings for the
6 department to lease for the lake region human service center and northwest human service
7 center for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

8 **SECTION 21. LEASE OF LAND - STATE HOSPITAL.** The department of health and
9 human services and national guard may enter an agreement to lease up to twenty acres of real
10 property associated with the state hospital for the national guard to construct a new training and
11 storage facility.

12 **SECTION 22. PROVIDER PROCESS AND OUTCOME MEASURES.** Providers that
13 receive funding from the department of health and human services shall submit process and
14 outcome measures, as required by the department, to the department for programs and
15 services supported by state funding during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
16 June 30, 2025, for the department to evaluate the administration of the programs and services
17 using the appropriation for the program or service.

18 **SECTION 23. HUMAN SERVICE CENTERS - CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL**
19 **HEALTH CLINICS - CONTINGENT FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - REPORT.**

20 Beginning with the effective date of this Act, the department of health and human services shall
21 select three human service centers to begin the process of becoming a certified community
22 behavioral health clinic to provide continuous community-based behavioral health services for
23 children and adults. The department shall pursue additional federal funding as available.

24 Subject to the availability of generated income, the department may add up to fifty full-time
25 equivalent positions for field services to provide direct services for the period beginning with the
26 effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2025. The department shall report to the office of
27 management and budget and legislative council each time a position is added.

28 **SECTION 24. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following
29 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into
30 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025:

- 1 1. The sum of \$750,000 appropriated from the general fund for suicide prevention grants
2 in chapter 37 of the 2019 Session Laws;
- 3 2. The sum of \$1,776,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements
4 fund and the sum of \$5,328,000 appropriated from federal funds for the Medicaid
5 management information system technology stack upgrade in chapter 37 of the 2019
6 Session Laws;
- 7 3. The sum of \$600,000 appropriated from the general fund and the sum of \$1,800,000
8 appropriated from federal funds for the Medicaid management information system
9 technology stack upgrade in chapter 12 of the 2021 Session Laws;
- 10 4. The sum of \$4,326,686 appropriated from the general fund and the sum of
11 \$30,673,314 appropriated from federal funds for the Medicaid management
12 information system modularization technology project in chapter 12 of the 2021
13 Session Laws;
- 14 5. Any amounts appropriated to the department of health and human services in
15 chapter 549 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws of which the amount
16 appropriated for medical assistance percentage adjustments may be used for the
17 home- and community-based services 10 percent enhancement plan;
- 18 6. Any amounts appropriated to the department of health and human services in
19 chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws;
- 20 7. Any amounts appropriated to the department of health and human services for
21 COVID-19 relief in chapters 27 and 28 of the 2021 Session Laws;
- 22 8. The amount appropriated for the modification of the department of human services'
23 eligibility systems in chapter 578 of the 2011 Special Session Session Laws which was
24 continued into the 2013-15 biennium, then the 2015-17 biennium, then the 2017-19
25 biennium, then the 2019-21 biennium, and then 2021-23 biennium; and
- 26 9. The sum of \$2,000,000 appropriated for substance use disorder voucher system
27 grants in chapter 12 of the 2021 Session Laws which may be continued and spent
28 pursuant to section 50-06-42.1.

29 **SECTION 25. EXEMPTION - EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM.** The
30 requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a vendor, the procurement
31 award, or payments made under this section regarding an early childhood workforce and

1 professional development information system or an early childhood resource and referral
2 information system for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

3 **SECTION 26. EXEMPTION - PURCHASE OF CONSUMABLES.** The requirements of
4 chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the purchase of consumables at the department of health and
5 human services continuously staffed residential units during low-census time periods for the
6 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

7 **SECTION 27. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - UTILIZATION RATE ADJUSTMENT.** It is the intent
8 of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly that the department of health and human services seeks
9 a deficiency appropriation from the sixty-ninth legislative assembly for any expenditures that
10 exceed appropriated amounts as a result of utilization rates, discontinuation of the federal
11 Medicaid continuous enrollment requirement, value-based purchasing for nursing facilities, and
12 reduction in federal medical assistance percentage, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,
13 and ending June 30, 2025, if funding is not sufficient to pay actual expenses.

14 **SECTION 28. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - PROVIDER RATE INCREASE.** Except as
15 otherwise noted, section 1 of this Act includes funding for human service provider inflation
16 increases of four percent for each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
17 June 30, 2025. Section 1 of this Act includes funding for developmental disability service
18 payment inflation increases of seven percent the first year of the biennium and four percent the
19 second year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The provider
20 inflation increase in this section does not apply to nursing and basic care facilities.

21 **SECTION 29. FEDERAL FUNDING APPEAL LIMITATION.** Except as otherwise
22 specifically provided by federal law, a person may not appeal a denial, revocation, reduction in
23 services or payment, or the termination of a program or service by the department of health and
24 human services due to the unavailability of federal coronavirus funding received under federal
25 law resulting from the federal coronavirus pandemic emergency declaration for the biennium
26 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

27 **SECTION 30. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EARLY CHILDHOOD**
28 **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall
29 consider studying the early child care programs and child care services to identify major needs
30 and systemic approaches to stabilize child care infrastructure. The legislative management shall

1 report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
2 recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 31. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - EARLY CHILDHOOD**

4 **PROGRAMS.** During the 2023-24 interim, the department of health and human services shall
5 provide reports to the legislative management regarding the status of early childhood programs
6 managed by the department.

7 **SECTION 32. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 19 of this Act becomes effective on January 1,
8 2024.