

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1048**

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Health and Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 50-06-01.4 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to administration of programs for individuals with developmental  
3 disabilities by the department of health and human services.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 50-06-01.4 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 1. The department includes the state hospital, the regional human service centers, a  
8 vocational rehabilitation unit, health division, and other units or offices and  
9 administrative and fiscal support services as the executive director determines  
10 necessary. The department must be structured to promote efficient and effective  
11 operations and, consistent with fulfilling its prescribed statutory duties, shall act as the  
12 official agency of the state in the discharge of the following functions not otherwise by  
13 law made the responsibility of another state agency:
- 14 a. Administration of programs for children and families, including adoption services  
15 and the licensure of child-placing agencies, foster care services and the licensure  
16 of foster care arrangements, certification of shelter care services, child protection  
17 services, children's trust fund, licensure of early childhood programs, refugee  
18 services, in-home community-based services, quality control, and administration  
19 of the interstate compacts on the placement of children and juveniles.
- 20 b. Administration of programs for individuals with developmental disabilities,  
21 including licensure of facilities and services, the establishment funding for family  
22 members and corporate guardianships, and the design and implementation of a  
23 community-based service system for persons in need of habilitation.

- 1           c. Administration of aging service programs, including nutrition, transportation,  
2           advocacy, social, ombudsman, recreation, and related services funded under the  
3           Older Americans Act of 1965 [42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.], home and  
4           community-based services, licensure of adult foster care homes, and the  
5           committee on aging.
- 6           d. Administration of behavioral health programs, including:
- 7           (1) A policy division responsible for reviewing and identifying service needs and  
8           activities in the state's behavioral health system in an effort to ensure health  
9           and safety, access to services, and quality of services; establishing quality  
10          assurance standards for the licensure of substance use disorder program  
11          services and facilities; and providing policy leadership in partnership with  
12          public and private entities; and
- 13          (2) A service delivery division responsible for providing chronic disease  
14          management, regional intervention services, and twenty-four-hour crisis  
15          services for individuals with behavioral health disorders.
- 16          e. Administration of economic assistance programs, including temporary assistance  
17          for needy families, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, home energy  
18          assistance, child care assistance, refugee assistance, work experience, work  
19          incentive, and quality control.
- 20          f. Administration of medical service programs, including medical assistance for  
21          children's health insurance program, Medicaid waivers, early and periodic  
22          screening, diagnosis and treatment, utilization control, autism services, and  
23          claims processing.
- 24          g. Administration of general assistance.
- 25          h. Administration of child support.
- 26          i. Administration of program, services, and licensing outlined in title 23 and other  
27          previous duties of the state department of health.