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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1543

Introduced by

Legislative Management

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 and department of career and technical education for facility-related grants; to provide for a
3 legislative management report; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide an effective
4 date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
7 **FUND - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF CAREER**
8 **AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME**

9 **FUNDING.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, there is
10 appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state
11 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the following amounts, or so much of the sum as may be
12 necessary:

- 13 1. \$8,250,000 to the department of health and human services for the purpose of
14 providing a behavioral health facility grant or other services as provided in this
15 subsection. The department of health and human services shall ~~provide the grant~~ use
16 the funds as follows:
- 17 a. A grant of \$8,250,000 must be provided to establish a behavioral health facility in
18 the badlands human service center service region. The grant recipient must
19 provide matching funds of \$1,950,000 to establish the facility.
- 20 b. The department shall require an entity receiving funding under this subsection to
21 operate the facility for a period of at least ten years and require the grant amount
22 to be repaid if the entity does not operate the facility for at least ten years. The
23 amount repaid must be prorated based on the amount of time the program
24 remains in operation.

- 1 c. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant
2 recipient, the grant award, or payments made under this subsection.
- 3 d. If by June 1, 2024, the department does not have a grant recipient secured to
4 establish a behavioral health facility in the badlands human service center
5 service region, \$6,400,000 of the funds appropriated in this subsection may be
6 used to expand community-based services by transitioning the badlands and
7 northwest human service centers into certified community behavioral health
8 clinics. This funding may be used to expand services provided directly by the
9 department or through contractual relationships with behavioral health providers
10 or organizations.
- 11 e. The funding provided under this subsection is a one-time funding item.
- 12 2. \$26,500,000 to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of
13 defraying inflationary costs of existing projects approved under the statewide area
14 career center initiative grant program during the 2021-23 biennium. The department of
15 career and technical education shall distribute the funding to existing career academy
16 projects proportionally based on funding allocations provided to each project during
17 the 2021-23 biennium. If funding approved in this subsection is provided for a career
18 academy project and the funding becomes uncommitted during the 2023-25 biennium,
19 the department of career and technical education may redistribute the funding for
20 existing projects under the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and
21 ending June 30, 2025. The department of career and technical education shall report
22 to the legislative management during the 2023-24 interim and to the appropriations
23 committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly regarding the amount of inflationary
24 funding provided for each project and the construction status of each project. The
25 funding provided under this subsection is considered a one-time funding item.

26 **SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** This Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2023.

27 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with
28 the secretary of state.

