

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to the department of health and human
2 services for the development of a pregnancy and parenting resource website; and to declare an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
6 **PREGNANCY AND PARENTING RESOURCE WEBSITE** ~~ONE-TIME FUNDING~~. There is
7 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
8 appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
9 department of health and human services for the purpose of developing and maintaining a state
10 internet website that provides information and links to social services, financial assistance,
11 adoption services, pregnancy and parenting information, maternal and childbirth life services,
12 planning guidance, care centers and agencies, and other available public and private resources
13 for expectant families and new parents, for the period beginning with the effective date of this
14 Act, and ending June 30, 2025. The department shall contract with a third party for the
15 development of the website. The department shall promote and market the website by
16 publishing easily comprehensible printed materials and placing visible billboards in high-traffic
17 areas to inform expectant families and new parents about the website. The website must be
18 operational by August 1, 2023, and have the domain name life.nd.org or a similar domain name
19 if the specified domain name is not available. The website must be distinct from the
20 department's government website and the department shall place a clear and conspicuous link
21 to the website on the department's government website. ~~The funding provided in this section is~~
22 ~~considered a one-time funding item.~~

23 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.