

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 for a grant to support the coordination of oral health workforce and access initiatives; and to
3 provide for a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
6 **STATEWIDE ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE GRANT - ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT.** There is
7 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
8 appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
9 department of health and human services for the purpose of providing a grant to an eligible
10 nonprofit organization to support a full-time executive director position responsible for
11 coordinating statewide oral health initiatives, including stakeholder engagement, implementation
12 of oral health workforce and access initiatives, coordination of dental student rotations and
13 recruitment efforts, oral health education, collection and dissemination of oral health data, and
14 development of partnerships to improve access to oral health services, for the biennium
15 beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029. The department of health and human
16 services shall report to the legislative management by September 1, 2028, regarding the
17 statewide oral health initiative grant, including the activities conducted and recommendations
18 regarding future funding or changes to the grant program. The funding provided in this section is
19 considered a one-time funding item.