

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2096**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

Representative M. Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services  
2 for regional acute psychiatric treatment and residential supportive housing services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT AND**  
5 **RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES.** There is appropriated out of any moneys  
6 in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
7 ~~\$64,000,000~~\$16,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of  
8 health and human services for the purpose of providing facility and operations grants to improve  
9 regional acute psychiatric treatment services and residential supportive housing, for the  
10 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department may use the  
11 funds provided in this section for the purpose of providing behavioral health grants to improve  
12 facilities and operations. To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a recipient shall  
13 increase the number of inpatient behavioral health beds as determined by the department. The  
14 beds must be for the purpose of providing acute psychiatric treatment or residential supportive  
15 housing. The department shall require an entity receiving a grant to operate the behavioral  
16 health facility for at least ten years and enter into a contract accordingly. Facility locations must  
17 be based on options to eliminate or reduce the number of referrals to the state hospital. The  
18 department shall distribute grants to ensure equal acute psychiatric treatment and residential  
19 supportive housing services in each quadrant of the state.