

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1209**

Introduced by

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Senators Enget, Paulson, Weston

1 | A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management report relating to a foreign adversary  
2 | threat assessment conducted by the department of emergency services.

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

4 | **SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - FOREIGN ADVERSARY**  
5 | **THREAT ASSESSMENT - REPORT ~~ONE-TIME FUNDING~~ - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT**  
6 | **REPORT.**

7 | 1. The department of emergency services shall:

- 8 | a. Identify sectors and industries most vulnerable to foreign adversarial influence,  
9 | including critical infrastructure, technology, agriculture, energy, and academia;
- 10 | b. Assess foreign adversarial influence beyond land acquisition, including strategic  
11 | investments, partnerships, and other forms of economic, educational, and  
12 | political influence;
- 13 | c. Evaluate existing investments and activities to determine compliance with  
14 | federal, state, and local laws;
- 15 | d. Identify sectors in which foreign adversarial influence is often unmonitored or  
16 | under reported; and
- 17 | e. Propose broad mitigation strategies relating to identified risks and vulnerabilities  
18 | to enhance the state's ability to manage foreign adversarial influence while  
19 | supporting economic growth and security.

- 1           2. By July 1, 2026, the department of emergency services shall produce a written report  
2           outlining its findings and recommendations. The report must:
  - 3           a. Provide a detailed analysis of the foreign adversary threats and vulnerabilities  
4           specific to the state;
  - 5           b. Identify critical risks across sectors, including infrastructure, security, academia,  
6           and economic investments;
  - 7           c. Provide sector specific mitigation recommendations designed to reduce  
8           vulnerabilities in infrastructure, academic institutions, economic investments, and  
9           other prominent sectors in the state; and
  - 10          d. Include a proposal providing for the establishment of a state intelligence unit and  
11          the structure, roles, and operational procedures required for continuous  
12          monitoring of foreign adversary threats by the state intelligence unit.
- 13          3. Before September 1, 2026, the department of emergency services shall present the  
14          recommendations in the report under subsection 2, and any proposed legislation  
15          necessary to implement the recommendations, to the legislative management. The  
16          findings in the report must remain in the exclusive possession and under the control of  
17          the department of emergency services and is an exempt record under chapter 44-04.