Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2140

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Cleary, Hogan, Lee

Representatives Dobervich, Vetter

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-33 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to the dementia care services program.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 5 amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 **50-06-33. Dementia care services.**
- As used in this section, "dementia" means the condition of an individual involving-
- 8 loss of memory and impairment of cognitive functions severe enough to interfere with the
- 9 individual's daily lifean individual with symptoms in alignment with mild cognitive impairment or
- 10 <u>dementia and the individual's caregivers</u>. The department shall contract with a private provider
- 11 for a statewide dementia care services program in each area of the state served by a regional-
- 12 human service center. The dementia care services must include:
- 13 1. Identifying available services within the region;
- Providing information to medical professionals, law enforcement, <u>first responders</u>,
- 15 <u>public health officials</u>, and the public regarding the:
- 16 <u>a. The symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, the</u>;
- b. The benefits of early detection and treatment, and the diagnosis;
- 18 <u>c. Availability of treatments;</u>
- 19 <u>d.</u> <u>Research opportunities; and</u>
- 20 <u>e. Available</u> services available to individuals with dementia and their caregivers;
- 21 3. Assessing the needs of individuals with dementia and their caregivers;
- 22 4. Training.
- 2. Providing consultation services to assess biological, psychological, social, emotional,
- 24 <u>and spiritual needs;</u>

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- 1 3. Facilitating the referral of clients; and
- 4. Offering on demand training to direct care providers to manage and provide for the
 care of individuals with symptoms in alignment with mild cognitive impairment or
 dementia;
- 5 5. Providing consultation services to individuals with dementia and their caregivers; and
- 6 6. Facilitating the referral of individuals with dementia and their caregivers to appropriate care and support services.