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Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1252

Introduced by

Representatives Dobervich, Brown, Davis, Finley-DeVille, Holle, Mitskog

Senators Marcellais, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the tribal health care coordination fund.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. There is created in the state treasury a tribal health care coordination fund.

7 a. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for
8 distribution to a tribal government in accordance with an agreement between the
9 department and a tribal government. The agreement between the department
10 and a tribal government must require the tribe to:

11 (1) Use the money distributed under this section for purposes related to the
12 ten essential services of public ~~health~~health identified by the federal centers
13 for disease control and prevention and the development or enhancement of
14 community health representative programs or services; ~~however, through~~
15 ~~June 30, 2025~~2027, no more than fifty percent, and thereafter, no more than
16 ~~thirty-five percent, may be used for capital construction.~~

17 (2) Submit to the department annual reports detailing the use of the money
18 distributed under this section.

19 (3) Submit to the department every two years an audit report, conducted by an
20 independent licensed certified public accountant, of the tribal government

1 use of the money distributed under this section. A tribal government may
2 use money distributed under this section to pay for this audit report. At the
3 discretion of a tribal government, an audit may be conducted more often
4 than every two years.

5 b. The distribution of moneys from the fund to a tribal government must be in
6 proportion to the federal funding received from care coordination agreement
7 requests for services originating from within that tribal nation.

8 c. At least annually, upon completion of any auditing and verification actions of the
9 department, the department shall distribute moneys from the fund to the tribal
10 government.

11 d. If a tribal government fails to file with the department a timely annual report or
12 audit report, the department shall withhold distribution of moneys from the fund to
13 the tribal government until the report is filed.

14 e. If an audit report or the department's review of the annual report finds a tribal
15 government used moneys distributed from the fund for a purpose inconsistent
16 with this section, the department shall withhold future distributions to that tribal
17 government in an amount equal to the money used improperly. The department
18 shall distribute money withheld from a tribal government under this subdivision if
19 a future audit report indicates moneys distributed from the fund are used for
20 purposes consistent with this section.