

SECOND ENGROSSMENT

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

Introduced by

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Senator Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding limiting the release of
2 self-spreading viruses and bacteria.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - LIMITING THE RELEASE OF**
5 **SELF-SPREADING VIRUSES AND BACTERIA.**

6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying
7 limiting the development and release of self-spreading viruses and bacteria. The study
8 must include:

- 9 a. A review of the persons and entities developing or releasing self-spreading
10 viruses or bacteria;
- 11 b. The impact of the development and release of self-spreading viruses and
12 bacteria, including all available data on adverse reactions and long-term effects;
- 13 c. Appropriate limitations and enforcement measures, including potential sanctions
14 and penalties; and
- 15 d. Possible exceptions to the limitations.

16 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
17 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
18 legislative assembly.