

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1464

Introduced by

Representatives Dobervich, K. Anderson, Brown, Finley-DeVille, Hager, Hanson, Rohr,
Steiner

Senators Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to maternal care
2 services; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MATERNAL CARE SERVICES.**

5 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying
6 maternal care services. The study must include:

- 7 a. An analysis of the availability of medical and nonmedical prenatal services in the
8 state by community and geographic service area, and the utilization rate of each;
- 9 b. A review of childbirth service availability, including in-home and health care
10 facility-based services, and the number of obstetrician-gynecologists and family
11 practitioners routinely delivering babies by geographic service area;
- 12 c. A review of prenatal, childbirth, and postnatal services covered by public
13 assistance, private insurance, and pregnancy resource centers, including an
14 analysis of funding, program evaluation, and outcomes;
- 15 d. Consideration of previous studies related to maternal care services;
- 16 e. Consideration of maternal care resource and asset maps, service gaps,
17 evidence-based or innovative pilot project solutions for resolving service gaps,
18 and approaches for increasing the use of prenatal and postnatal care services
19 and programs;
- 20 f. An evaluation of ways to increase the number of obstetrician-gynecologists and
21 family practitioners practicing in the state;

- 1 g. Exploration of processes for certifying, training, and reimbursing doula and
2 midwife services;
- 3 h. Consideration of public assistance and private insurance policy opportunities to
4 improve maternal and infant health outcomes; and
- 5 i. Input and consultation from key stakeholders including:
- 6 (1) The university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences;
7 (2) The North Dakota maternal mortality review committee;
8 (3) The infant mortality review panel;
9 (4) The foundation for a healthy North Dakota;
10 (5) Doulas, midwives, and home-based service providers practicing in the state;
11 (6) The North American college of obstetricians and gynecology;
12 (7) The North Dakota medical association;
13 (8) The women, infants, and children program; and
14 (9) North Dakota health tracks.
- 15 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations together
16 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
17 legislative assembly.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
19 **MATERNAL CARE SERVICES STUDY - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of
20 any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
21 \$200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human
22 services for the purpose of contracting for consulting services with a public health program in
23 the North Dakota higher education system for the maternal care services study under section 1
24 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The
25 appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.