

HOUSE BILL NO. 1433

Introduced by

Representatives Dobervich, Conmy, Davis, Mitskog, Schneider, Warrey

Senators Boschee, Dever, Erbele

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of the dementia response program; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Dementia response program.**

8 The department shall establish a dementia response program to be administered by a state
9 dementia coordinator. The dementia response program shall:

- 10 1. Implement an Alzheimer's and dementia state plan;
- 11 2. Update the Alzheimer's and dementia state plan every three years by convening a
12 work group that includes:
 - 13 a. Individuals living with dementia;
 - 14 b. Care partners and family members of individuals living with dementia;
 - 15 c. Representatives of home and facility-based care professionals;
 - 16 d. Representatives of the medical profession with experience in diagnosing and
17 treating Alzheimer's and dementia;
 - 18 e. A representative of a leading national organization that advocates on behalf of
19 individuals living with Alzheimer's or dementia; and
 - 20 f. A representative of an organization that advocates for older adults;
- 21 3. Collect and disseminate Alzheimer's and dementia data through the use of data
22 collected by the state and use of the behavioral risk factor surveillance system,
23 including caregiver and cognitive decline models, on a rotating basis; and

- 1 4. Implement a statewide public awareness campaign that includes information to reduce
2 stigma, encourage risk reduction activity, and emphasize the importance of early
3 detection and diagnosis.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
5 **DEMENTIA RESPONSE PROGRAM - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION.** There is
6 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
7 appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
8 department of health and human services for the purpose of administering the dementia
9 response program, the behavioral risk factor surveillance models, and for a full-time equivalent
10 position to administer the program as the state dementia coordinator, for the biennium
11 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.