

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding child care
2 infrastructure.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CHILD CARE INFRASTRUCTURE.**

5 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
6 current child care infrastructure in the state to identify strengths, challenges, and
7 opportunities for improved public policy, accountability, and investment. The study
8 must:

9 a. Review data regarding the availability and affordability of child care in each
10 county.

11 b. Examine the various public funds used to support child care facilities directly,
12 including child care assistance reimbursement levels and penetration rates by
13 county and facility, other grant programs, and enhanced reimbursements for
14 employees with specialized training, to recommend options for improvement.

15 c. Examine the child care licensing and registration policies and procedures to
16 consider improvements and opportunities to simplify the process.

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