

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Fifty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2359**

Introduced by

Senator Klein

Representatives DeKrey, Devlin, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the designation of a regional human service center for program  
2 supervision in cases of multicounty program administration.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Multicounty agreement to administer social service programs -**  
5 **Selection of regional administration.** If two or more counties enter an agreement to jointly  
6 administer a program that is under the supervision of the department of human services, a  
7 county that is party to the agreement may request designation of a regional human service  
8 center for program supervision. The human service center requested must be providing  
9 supervision to one or more of the counties party to the multicounty agreement. Within six  
10 months of the request, the department of human services shall implement the county's request  
11 for the designation or negotiate with the county to reach an agreeable alternative. If the  
12 department of human services and the requesting county have not agreed on an alternative  
13 within six months of the request, the requesting designation must be implemented. A request  
14 for a change in the designation of a regional human service center may not be made for three  
15 years after a designation, unless the membership of the multicounty agreement changes.