

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2028

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Criminal Justice Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a guardianship services system; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Guardianship services.** The department of human services may create
5 and coordinate a unified system for the provision of guardianship services to vulnerable adults
6 who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services. The system must
7 include a base unit funding level, provider standards, staff competency requirements, the use of
8 an emergency funding procedure to cover the costs of establishing needed guardianships, and
9 guidelines and training for guardians. The department shall require that the contracting entity
10 develop and maintain a system of volunteer guardians to serve the state. The department shall
11 adopt rules for guardianship services to vulnerable adults which are consistent with chapters
12 30.1-26, 30.1-28, and 30.1-29.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
14 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$40,000, or so much
15 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of
16 contracting for the establishment and maintenance of a guardianship services system for
17 vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services,
18 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.