

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2186**

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Krebsbach, Mathern

Representatives Gulleason, Hawken, Martinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-09 and a new section to  
2 chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transition assistance for child  
3 care and early childhood quality activities; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Transition assistance for child care.** The state agency shall establish a program of  
8 transition assistance to pay a portion of the cost of child care for families that lose eligibility, and  
9 remain ineligible, for benefits under section 50-09-29 due to earnings from employment. This  
10 program must:

- 11 1. Provide benefits for up to the six months following the loss of benefits under  
12 section 50-09-29;
- 13 2. Be paid directly to recipients using a debit card; and
- 14 3. Meet all requirements to be considered "assistance" for purposes of title 45, Code  
15 of Federal Regulations, part 260, section 31, or any substantially similar federal  
16 regulation that may replace title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, part 260,  
17 section 31.

18 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 created and enacted as follows:

20 **Workforce development - Quality improvement - Technical assistance.**

- 21 1. The department shall replace the reduction in child care development fund grants.
- 22 2. The department shall establish a statewide system to build systematic early  
23 childhood workforce voluntary training to include distance learning formats, a

1           professional registry, certificates and specializations, scholarships, and technical  
2           assistance.

3           3. The department shall develop a voluntary quality rating system for licensed early  
4           childhood facilities which may be used as a tool to inform parents, public officials,  
5           and other purchasers of child care regarding the level of quality at a facility.

6           4. The department shall establish a quality improvement program for center and  
7           home-based child care programs, which may include accreditation support,  
8           program, and business technical assistance and consultation.

9           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special  
10 funds derived from federal funds and other income from the temporary assistance for needy  
11 families program the sum of \$1,491,210, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
12 department of human services for the purpose of implementing section 1 of this Act, for the  
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

14           **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special  
15 funds derived from federal funds and other income for the temporary assistance for needy  
16 families program the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
17 department of human services for the purpose of implementing section 2 of this Act, for the  
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

19           **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
20 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$166,221, or so much  
21 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
22 replacing the reduction in child care development fund grants, for the biennium beginning  
23 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.