

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1044

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Long-Term Care Committee)

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 development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at
3 risk; to provide for a pilot project; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **Program for services to transition-aged youth at risk - Definition - Rules.**

8 1. The department shall develop and implement or contract for the implementation of
9 a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk. The department shall use
10 a wraparound planning process. The department shall adopt rules to establish
11 eligibility, services, and a distinct statewide interagency advisory council on
12 transition-aged youth at risk, with youth and family representation, and with
13 regional subcommittees. For the purposes of this section, transition-aged youth
14 means children and young adults at risk due to:

15 a. Deprivation or other activities resulting in youth being involved with the foster
16 care or juvenile justice system;
17 b. Serious mental illness or serious disabilities that do not qualify the youth for
18 developmental disabilities case management; or
19 c. Suicidal tendencies.

20 2. Within the limits of appropriations, services under the program must include:

21 a. Individualized assessments to determine the needs and appropriate services
22 to individual transition-aged youth at risk;
23 b. Single plan of care to coordinate services among available service systems,
24 emphasizing existing case management resources;

- c. Independent living skills, including self-advocacy training;
 - d. Enhanced or extended vocational rehabilitation, including transition from education to employment and from secondary education to higher education;
 - e. In-home support, including mentors, individual and family training, and access to respite care; and
 - f. Development of a statewide independent living skills curriculum for youth and families.
3. Services to an individual youth must be appropriate to that individual and need not include all services of the program.

SECTION 2. TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH AT RISK PILOT PROJECT. During the 2009-11 biennium, the department of human services shall develop and implement on a pilot basis a program that provides those services listed in subsection 2 of section 1 of this Act. The pilot program must be conducted at an accessible location in an urban community with a large population of transition-aged youth at risk and must be open for various relevant community service providers that provide those services in that community.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$700,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing and implementing a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk as provided in section 1 of this Act and the pilot program for transition-aged youth at risk as provided in section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.