

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to require the legislative council to study the feasibility and desirability of
2 transferring the facilities and property of the state hospital from the department of human
3 services to the department of corrections and rehabilitation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - TRANSFER OF FACILITIES AND**
6 **PROPERTY OF STATE HOSPITAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND**
7 **REHABILITATION.** The legislative council shall study, during the 2009-10 interim, the
8 feasibility and desirability of transferring the facilities and property of the state hospital from the
9 department of human services to the department of corrections and rehabilitation. The study
10 must include consideration of the voluntary transfer of any employees who are responsible for
11 the treatment of mental health and addiction issues of inmates from the department of human
12 services to the department of corrections and rehabilitation and the feasibility and desirability of
13 the department of human services entering contracts with community hospitals for the treatment
14 of individuals with mental illnesses. During the interim, the department of corrections and
15 rehabilitation and the department of human services shall develop and propose plans to
16 accomplish the transfer and present the proposals to the legislative council. The legislative
17 council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
18 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.