

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 and the department of human
4 services contracting with community hospitals for treatment services.

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

6 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - TRANSFER OF FACILITIES AND**
7 **PROPERTY OF STATE HOSPITAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND**
8 **REHABILITATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACTING FOR**
9 **TREATMENT SERVICES.** The legislative council shall study, during the 2009-10 interim, the
10 feasibility and desirability of transferring the facilities and property of the state hospital from the
11 department of human services to the department of corrections and rehabilitation. The study
12 must include consideration of the voluntary transfer of any employees from the state hospital to
13 the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the treatment of mental health and addiction
14 issues of inmates or to other positions within the department of human services and the
15 feasibility and desirability of the department of human services entering contracts with
16 community hospitals for the treatment of individuals with mental illness and chemical
17 dependency. The legislative council shall include as members of the committee conducting the
18 study representatives of the North Dakota consumer and family network, mental health America
19 of North Dakota, and the federation of families for children's mental health. During the interim,
20 the department of corrections and rehabilitation and the department of human services shall
21 develop and propose plans to accomplish the transfer, including proposals for contracting with
22 community hospitals for treatment services, and present the plans and proposals to the
23 legislative council. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations,

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- 1 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second
- 2 legislative assembly.