

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2391

Introduced by

Senators Krauter, Erbele, J. Lee

Representatives Kerzman, Koppelman, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-26 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the alternatives-to-abortion services program; to provide for reports to the legislative
3 council; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-26. Alternatives-to-abortion services program.** The department of human
8 services shall disburse funds available through title IV-A of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C.
9 601 et seq.] to nongovernmental entities that provide alternatives-to-abortion services and
10 expend funds to inform the public about this program. The services must be outcome-based
11 with positive outcome-based results. The department, in consultation with a nongovernmental
12 entity that provides alternatives-to-abortion services, shall contract to inform the public about
13 this program. For purposes of this section, "alternatives-to-abortion services" are those
14 services that promote childbirth instead of abortion by providing information, counseling, and
15 support services that assist pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant to
16 choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting
17 with respect to their children.

18 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2009-10 interim, the
19 department of human services shall make annual reports to the legislative council regarding the
20 status of the alternatives-to-abortion services program.

21 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special
22 funds derived from federal funds and other income from the temporary assistance for needy
23 families program, the sum of \$100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
24 department of human services for the purpose of providing the alternatives-to-abortion services

- 1 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The department
- 2 shall use this funding to inform the public about the alternatives-to-abortion program. Funding
- 3 for the alternatives-to-abortion program also is appropriated to the department of human
- 4 services in House Bill No. 1012.