

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2302

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Dever, Fiebiger

Representatives Kingsbury, S. Meyer, Wolf

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to extended payments for children in foster care.

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

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

6 **Foster care payments - Extension for educational purposes.** If a child who is a
7 resident of this state is in foster care and is accepted for enrollment into any institution of higher
8 education in this state, the department of human services shall ensure that the child is
9 supported by means of foster care payments for the period of time that the child remains
10 enrolled as a full-time student, provided the child maintains a grade point average at least equal
11 to 2.5. The department may provide payments to the child's foster care family or at the
12 recommendation of the child's caseworker may forward the payments directly to the child.
13 Payments under this section may not be made to or on behalf of any child who has reached the
14 age of twenty-three.