

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 department of
13 human services to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the treatment of mental
14 health and addiction issues of inmates and the feasibility and desirability of the department of
15 human services entering contracts with community hospitals for the treatment of individuals with
16 mental illness and chemical dependency. The legislative council shall include as members of
17 the committee conducting the study representatives of the North Dakota consumer and family
18 network, mental health America of North Dakota, and the federation of families for children's
19 mental health. During the interim, the department of corrections and rehabilitation and the
20 department of human services shall develop and propose plans to accomplish the transfer,
21 including proposals for contracting with community hospitals for treatment services, and present
22 the plans and proposals to the legislative council. The legislative council shall report its findings
23 and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
24 recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.