

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2370  
(Senators Fischer, Mathern, Hogue, Wardner)  
(Representatives Conrad, Wieland)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative council study of the feasibility and desirability of transferring from the county to the state the responsibility for the cost of expert examinations and the cost and responsibility for providing legal counsel in mental health commitment cases.

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

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT EXAMINATION AND LEGAL COUNSEL COSTS.** During the 2009-10 interim, the legislative council shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of transferring from the county to the state the responsibility for the cost of expert examinations and the cost and responsibility for providing legal counsel in mental health commitment cases. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.