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1 | A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 and ~~three~~two new
2 | sections to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to traumatic brain injury
3 | services.

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

5 | **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 | created and enacted as follows:

7 | **Students with brain injuries.**

8 | The superintendent of public instruction shall coordinate the development and delivery of
9 | professional development activities ~~pertaining to the education of~~ teachers and counselors
10 | servicing students with brain injuries. The activities must include methods for identifying and
11 | evaluating brain injuries, the use of appropriate screening tools, and best practices in the
12 | provision of educational services to students with brain injuries.

13 | ~~**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
14 | ~~and enacted as follows:~~

15 | ~~**Traumatic brain injury registry.**~~

16 | ~~The department shall establish and maintain a registry of individuals who sustain traumatic~~
17 | ~~brain injury. The department shall develop a system for reporting incidents of traumatic brain~~
18 | ~~injury. The system must include education, training, and technical assistance to reporting~~
19 | ~~entities.~~

20 | **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
21 | and enacted as follows:

22 | **Resource facilitation - Peer mentoring services.**

23 | 1. The department shall contract with a public or private entity with having expertise in
24 | traumatic brain injury for the provision of resource facilitation. To provide statewide

1 services, the entity shall employ three resource facilitators, one of whom has a
2 designated focus on providing services to veterans who have traumatic brain injury.
3 For purpose of this subsection, "resource facilitator" includes care and service
4 coordination for individuals who have traumatic brain injury.

5 2. The department, in consultation with the head injury association of North Dakota, shall
6 provide peer mentoring services. For purposes of this subsection, "peer mentoring"
7 includes the recruitment of volunteers to provide peer mentoring services to an
8 individual with traumatic brain injury and to the individual's family and caregivers. A
9 specific focus of the recruitment of volunteers must be to work with veterans who can
10 fulfill the role of peer mentors for those veterans who have traumatic brain injury. The
11 department of veterans' affairs, the adjutant general, and military support
12 organizations shall work closely with the department and the head injury association of
13 North Dakota for the coordination of peer mentoring services.

14 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
15 and enacted as follows:

16 **Traumatic brain injury supplemental services program fund established.**

17 There is established in the state treasury a special fund known as the traumatic brain injury
18 supplemental services program fund. Moneys in the fund, within the limits of legislative
19 appropriation and subject to criteria established by the department, may be used for meeting
20 the unmet needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury. The services provided may include
21 specialized services, supplies, and equipment.