

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for application for a waiver for state innovation under the federal  
2 Affordable Care Act; and to provide a report to the legislative management.

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

4 **SECTION 1. WAIVER FOR STATE INNOVATION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**

5 **MANAGEMENT.** During the 2013-14 interim, the department of human services, public  
6 employees retirement system, insurance commissioner, and information technology department  
7 shall work together to develop an application for a waiver for state innovation under  
8 section 1332 of the the federal Affordable Care Act. In developing this waiver application, the  
9 parties shall consult with the United States department of health and human services and shall  
10 develop waiver applications for related programs, such as medicaid and the children's health  
11 insurance program.

12 The waiver for state innovation must provide for expansion of the public employees  
13 retirement system's uniform group insurance plan to allow for enrollment of medicaid recipients,  
14 private sector employees, and other North Dakota residents. The coverage with the expansion  
15 must be at least as comprehensive as the coverage that would have been provided under the  
16 Affordable Care Act, must be at least as affordable as the coverage under the Affordable Care  
17 Act, and must cover at least as many North Dakota residents as would have otherwise been  
18 covered under the Affordable Care Act. The intent of the legislative assembly is that the waiver  
19 be effective January 1, 2017, or sooner if federal law permits.

20 During the 2013-14 interim, the department of human services, public employees retirement  
21 system, insurance commissioner, and information technology department shall provide the  
22 legislative management with status reports on the status of the development of the application  
23 and shall submit proposed legislation to the legislative management for consideration during the  
24 2015 regular legislative session.