

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the establishment of an autism spectrum disorder database; to  
2 direct the department of human services to seek an autism spectrum disorder medicaid waiver;  
3 to provide an appropriation to the state department of health; and to provide appropriations to  
4 the department of human services for autism spectrum disorder services.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 **Autism spectrum disorder database.**

8 The state department of health shall establish and administer an autism spectrum disorder  
9 database. The database must include a record of all reported cases of autism spectrum  
10 disorder in the state and any other information deemed relevant and appropriate by the  
11 department in order to complete epidemiologic surveys of the autism spectrum disorder, enable  
12 analysis of the autism spectrum disorder, and provide services to individuals with an autism  
13 spectrum disorder.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - AUTISM**

15 **SPECTRUM DISORDER DATABASE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
16 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,648, or so much of the  
17 sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of establishing and  
18 administering an autism spectrum disorder database, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013,  
19 and ending June 30, 2015. The state department of health is authorized one full-time equivalent  
20 position for this purpose.

21 **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**

22 **MEDICAID WAIVER.** The department of human services, by January 1, 2014, shall seek  
23 approval from the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to expand the  
24 department's autism spectrum disorder medicaid waiver to cover individuals from age three to

1 end of life and to provide appropriate services that may include evidence-based practices,  
2 intervention coordination, in-home support, equipment and supplies, home monitoring,  
3 residential supports and services, extended vocational supports, or behavioral consultation.

4 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - STATE**

5 **AUTISM COORDINATOR.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the  
6 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$494,135, or so much of the sum as may  
7 be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of hiring a state autism  
8 coordinator and an assistant who would be responsible for implementing a resource and service  
9 center to provide information and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder,  
10 developing a statewide outreach plan, conducting regional meetings and an annual conference,  
11 and developing a protocol for use after screenings, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and  
12 ending June 30, 2015. The department of human services is authorized two full-time equivalent  
13 positions for this purpose.

14 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - STATEWIDE**

15 **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TRAINING EFFORT.** There is appropriated out of any  
16 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
17 \$158,032, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services  
18 for the purpose of implementing a statewide autism spectrum disorder training effort, including  
19 physician training, regional training, and parent training, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
20 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

21 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL**

22 **ANALYSTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,  
23 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$198,864, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,  
24 to the department of human services for the purpose of providing funding support for individuals  
25 to complete a board-certified behavioral analyst program, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
26 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

27 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - AUTISM**

28 **SPECTRUM DISORDER DIAGNOSTIC TEAMS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in  
29 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$433,280, or so  
30 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of

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- 1 providing for autism spectrum disorder evaluation, diagnostic, and service planning teams, for
- 2 the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.