

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of behavioral health needs; and
2 to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.** During the
5 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall ~~consider studying~~study behavioral health
6 needs. The study must include consideration of behavioral health needs of youth and adults
7 and the scope of the study ~~may~~must include consideration of access, availability, and delivery of
8 services. The study must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law
9 enforcement, ~~nonprofit~~social and clinical service providers, education, medical providers,
10 mental health advocacy organizations, emergency medical service providers, juvenile court,
11 tribal government, and state and local agencies and institutions. The legislative management
12 shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
13 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
15 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$45,000, or so much of the
16 sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting for consulting
17 and coordination of study services to assist the legislative management in conducting the
18 behavioral health study under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and
19 ending June 30, 2015.