

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota
2 century code, relating to medical assistance coverage for certain behavioral health services; to
3 provide for ~~the development of an outcomes-based data system for behavioral health~~
4 ~~services~~ reports to the legislative management; and to provide ~~an appropriation to the~~
5 ~~department of human services for substance abuse treatment services; to provide an~~
6 ~~appropriation to highway patrol for law enforcement training; and to provide for a legislative~~
7 ~~management study~~ appropriations.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
10 and enacted as follows:

11 **Behavioral health services - Licensed marriage and family therapists.**

12 ~~The~~ Beginning January 1, 2016, the department of human services shall ~~adopt rules entitling~~
13 ~~licensed professional clinical counselors and~~ allow licensed marriage and family therapists to
14 enroll and be eligible for payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of
15 medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department determines necessary
16 ~~based on federal laws and regulations.~~

17 ~~— SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – OUTCOMES-BASED DATA~~
18 ~~SYSTEM – REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.~~ The department of human services
19 ~~shall develop an outcomes-based data system for behavioral health services during the~~
20 ~~biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The department of human~~
21 ~~services shall report periodically to the legislative management during the 2015-16 interim on~~
22 ~~the development of the outcomes-based data system.~~

23 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - ~~SUBSTANCE~~**
24 **~~ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES~~ – REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There

1 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
2 appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
3 department of human services for the purpose of ~~expanding adult and youth~~addressing gaps in
4 the state's substance abuse treatment ~~services~~system, including intervention, detoxification,
5 and recovery services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The
6 department of human services shall ensure recipients of funding under this section collect and
7 report process and outcome measures. Recipients of funding under this section shall implement
8 research-based programs. The department of human services shall require recipients of funding
9 under this section to develop sustainability plans and participate in training and technical
10 assistance. The department of human services shall report to the legislative management on
11 the use of these funds by July 1, 2016.

12 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.** There is
13 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
14 appropriated, the sum of \$124,887, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from
15 special funds derived from federal funds, the sum of \$124,886, or so much of the sum as may
16 be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing payment to
17 licensed marriage and family therapists who provide behavioral health services under Section 1
18 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

19 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY PATROL - TRAINING.** There is appropriated
20 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum
21 of \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the highway patrol for the purpose
22 of providing mental health first aid training for state and local law enforcement personnel, for the
23 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

24 ~~—SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY—DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN~~
25 ~~SERVICES STRUCTURE.~~ During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall
26 ~~consider studying the structure and services of the department of human services. If conducted,~~
27 ~~the study must identify core services provided by the department of human services, services~~
28 ~~which may be provided by private providers rather than the department of human services, and~~
29 ~~whether it is appropriate for the department of human services to provide services it also~~
30 ~~regulates. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along~~

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- 1 | ~~with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative-~~
- 2 | ~~assembly.~~