

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2046

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 reports to the legislative management; and to provide appropriations.

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

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

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

8 Beginning January 1, 2016, the department of human services shall allow licensed marriage
9 and family therapists to enroll and be eligible for payment for behavioral health services
10 provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the
11 department determines necessary.

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - REPORTS TO**
13 **THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
14 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the
15 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of addressing
16 gaps in the state's substance abuse treatment system, including intervention, detoxification, and
17 recovery services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The
18 department of human services shall ensure recipients of funding under this section collect and
19 report process and outcome measures. Recipients of funding under this section shall implement
20 research-based programs. The department of human services shall require recipients of funding
21 under this section to develop sustainability plans and participate in training and technical
22 assistance. The department of human services shall report to the legislative management on
23 the use of these funds by July 1, 2016.

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

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