

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1279

Introduced by

Representatives Fehr, D. Anderson, Bellew, Hofstad, Seibel

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of ~~home and community-based~~
2 ~~services in North Dakota~~ family caregiver supports and services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2015-16 interim, the
5 legislative management shall consider studying ~~home and community-based services in this~~
6 ~~state. The study must include consideration of home and community-based services and~~
7 ~~support systems that relate to chronic injury or illness, rehabilitation and recovery, aged or~~
8 ~~disabled individuals, and the scope of the study must include consideration of access,~~
9 ~~availability, and delivery of services. The study must include input from stakeholders, including~~
10 ~~representatives of law enforcement, social and clinical service providers, advocacy~~
11 ~~organizations, tribal government, state and local agencies and institutions, and representatives~~
12 ~~of caregivers in this state. The legislative management may contract for consulting and~~
13 ~~coordination of study services to assist the legislative management in conducting the home and~~
14 ~~community-based study.~~ family caregiver supports and services. The study must identify
15 policies, resources, and programs available for family caregivers and encourage additional
16 innovative and creative means to support family caregivers so that they are able to continue to
17 provide in-home support for older adults. The study must include input from stakeholders,
18 including representatives of hospitals, social and clinical providers, advocacy organizations,
19 tribal government, state and local agencies and institutions, and caregivers in this state. The
20 study committee may receive testimony on the needs of family caregivers, including designation
21 of caregivers, training, respite services, medical leave policies, and delegation of tasks to non-
22 medical aides. The study must include an inventory of the resources available to family
23 caregivers and may make any recommendations for administrative actions to support family
24 caregivers. The legislative management may contract for consulting and coordination of study

- 1 | services. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 2 | with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative
- 3 | assembly.