

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the department of human services for improving
2 behavioral health services; to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for
3 teacher and child care provider training; and to provide for legislative management studies.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - MENTAL**

6 **HEALTH ASSESSMENT NETWORK.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
7 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,000,000, or so much of the
8 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing
9 an adult and youth mental health assessment network, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015,
10 and ending June 30, 2017.

11 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - PILOT**

12 **PROJECT - DISCHARGE PLANNING PROTOCOLS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys
13 in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$175,000, or so
14 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of
15 establishing a pilot project involving law enforcement, health care providers, and other related
16 organizations in one region to develop planning protocols for discharge or release of individuals
17 with behavioral health issues, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,
18 2017. The protocols must include outcome measures.

19 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - TRAINING.**

20 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
21 appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
22 department of public instruction for the purpose of providing mental health first-aid training for
23 teachers and child care providers, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,
24 2017.

1 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING**

2 **AND ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management
3 shall consider studying mental health screening and assessment programs for children. If
4 conducted, the study must identify a potential standardized screening process using evidence-
5 based practices to routinely screen all children ages two through four at primary health care
6 sites. The study must also review the feasibility and desirability of implementing a visiting
7 nurses program for children ages zero through five. The legislative management shall report its
8 findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the
9 recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

10 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF**

11 **YOUTH AND ADULTS.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider
12 studying behavioral health needs. The study must include consideration of behavioral health
13 needs of youth and adults and access, availability, and delivery of services. The study must
14 include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, social and
15 clinical service providers, education, medical providers, mental health advocacy organizations,
16 emergency medical service providers, juvenile court, tribal government, and state and local
17 agencies and institutions. The study must also include monitoring and reviewing the strategies
18 to improve behavioral health services implemented pursuant to legislation enacted by the
19 sixty-fourth legislative assembly and other behavioral health-related recommendations
20 presented to the 2013-14 interim human services committee. The legislative management shall
21 report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the
22 recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.