

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Adams, Eidson, Hager, Holman

Senator Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 25-04 and a new section to
2 chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to program management for residents
3 of the life skills and transition center and regional crisis support services for individuals with an
4 intellectual or developmental disability; to amend and reenact ~~section 25-04-02.1 and~~
5 subsection 4 of section 50-06-37 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~accreditation of~~
6 ~~life skills and transition center and~~ the assessment of intellectual or developmental disabilities;
7 and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

9 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-04-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
10 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

11 ~~— **25-04-02.1. Accreditation of life skills and transition center.**~~

12 ~~— The department of human services shall request appropriations and resources sufficient to~~
13 ~~ensure maintenance of the life skills and transition center's accreditation by the accreditation~~
14 ~~council on services for people with developmental disabilities and certification by the health care~~
15 ~~financing administration and, if deemed necessary, by similar accrediting and certifying~~
16 ~~organizations and agencies possessing standards applicable to an individual with a~~
17 ~~developmental disability and disciplines needed to provide quality services to individuals~~
18 ~~served.~~

19 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 25-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
20 and enacted as follows:

21 **Program management for a resident.**

22 ~~The department shall assign a developmental disabilities program manager to each eligible~~
23 ~~individual who resides at the life skills and transition center.~~ The department shall ensure active

1 program management is maintained for eligible individuals residing at the life skills and
2 transition center.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 50-06-37 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 4. The department shall ~~contract with a team of support intensity scale assessors by~~
6 ~~September 1, 2011. The team shall begin assessing immediately the identified client~~
7 ~~pilot group identified by the consultant contracted in subsection 2. Assessments must~~
8 ~~be completed for all eligible individuals residing at the life skills and transition center~~
9 ~~and for eligible individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in long-term~~
10 ~~care facilities who wish to enter a less restrictive setting. conduct the standardized~~
11 ~~assessment of eligible individuals residing at the life skills and transition center.~~

12 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
13 and enacted as follows:

14 **Regional crisis support services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental**
15 **disability.**

16 The department shall establish regional crisis support services for individuals with an
17 intellectual or developmental disability. The regional crisis support services teams shall provide
18 timely ~~one-on-one~~ crisis assistance to individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability.

19 **SECTION 4. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - SYSTEM OF SERVICES FOR**
20 **INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.** The

21 department of human services shall provide the legislative management a status report on:

- 22 1. The ongoing work of the department to improve community provider capacity,
23 including any barriers encountered; and
24 2. The system of services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability,
25 including a review of the existing service system, funding, and unmet needs.