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Sixty-eighth
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of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2230

Introduced by

Senators Clemens, Burckhard, Erbele

Representative Christensen

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to establishing an adoption assistance program for costs associated with the home study process; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Adoption assistance program for home study costs.

The department shall establish an adoption assistance program to provide financial assistance for adoptive families. The program must include funding for costs associated with the universally and lawfully required home study process not to exceed five thousand dollars per home study. The department may adopt rules to establish the eligibility requirements and exclusions for the program.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - ADOPTION ASSISTANCE. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of providing financial assistance for adoptive families under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.