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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2185

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Cleary, Wobbema

Representatives Louser, Weisz

A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the development of a pregnancy and parenting resource website; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - PREGNANCY AND PARENTING RESOURCE WEBSITE. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of developing and maintaining a state internet website that provides information and links to social services, financial assistance, adoption services, pregnancy and parenting information, maternal and childbirth life services, planning guidance, care centers and agencies, and other available public and private resources for expectant families and new parents, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2025. The department shall contract with a third party for the development of the website. The department shall promote and market the website by publishing easily comprehensible printed materials and placing visible billboards in high-traffic areas to inform expectant families and new parents about the website. The website must be operational by August 1, 2023, and have the domain name ~~life.nd.org~~life.nd.gov or a similar domain name if the specified domain name is not available. The website must be distinct from the department's government website and the department shall place a clear and conspicuous link to the website on the department's government website.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.