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of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2322

Introduced by

Senators Hogan, Lee

A BILL for an Act to ~~create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the mental health and well-being advisory committee; to provide for a legislative management report; and to~~ provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services for behavioral health primary prevention initiative grants.

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:~~

~~**Mental health and well-being advisory committee - Membership - Duties - Report to legislative management.**~~

~~1. The mental health and well-being advisory committee is created to direct the use of funding to address mental health and substance use disorder issues.~~

~~2. The mental health and well-being advisory committee consists of:~~

~~a. A member of the senate and a member of the house of representatives appointed by the chairman of the legislative management;~~

~~b. Two members of local public health units appointed by the state health officer;~~

~~c. Two members representing behavioral health services appointed by the director of the behavioral health division of the department of health and human services;~~

~~d. The dean of the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences, or a designee;~~

~~e. Two members representing elementary and secondary education appointed by the superintendent of public instruction; and~~

~~f. The executive director of the department of health and human services, or a designee.~~

~~3. The mental health and well-being advisory committee shall focus efforts to:~~

~~a. Develop approaches to individual and community-based prevention in the areas of physical activity, diet, and sleep to address causes of mental health conditions;~~

~~b. Develop education and programming that informs children and parents of the dangers of technology overuse;~~

~~c. Develop approaches to assist community members to identify mental health conditions and provide interventions;~~

~~d. Design effective approaches to long-term treatment and recovery of mental health conditions;~~

~~e. Improve access to effective programs and services to support mental health and substance abuse recovery; and~~

~~f. Develop short and long-term approaches to improve mental health care workforce recruitment and retention.~~

~~4. The department of health and human services shall provide staff services to the committee.~~

~~5. The mental health and well-being advisory committee shall report quarterly to the legislative management regarding the activities and recommendations of the committee, including efforts in the areas of prevention, healthy technology use, early intervention, treatment and recovery, and workforce development.~~

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - ~~MENTAL~~BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ~~AND WELL-BEING~~INITIATIVE GRANTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~$50,000,000~~$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of providing grants ~~and implementing programming to address mental health and well-being issues as recommended by the mental health and well-being advisory committee~~to community organizations and public foundations for implementation of behavioral health primary prevention initiatives following an application process defined by the department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. ~~A grant recipient must provide ten percent matching funds for any funding received under this section.~~ The funding provided in this section is a one-time funding item.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - FULL TIME EMPLOYEE. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of providing and managing behavioral health initiative grants under this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

Salaries and wages	$219,368
Full-time equivalent position	1.00