

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1231**

Introduced by

Representatives Dockter, O'Brien, M. Ruby, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to early discontinuation  
2 of registration for low-risk sex offenders.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EARLY DISCONTINUATION OF**  
5 **REGISTRATION FOR LOW-RISK SEX OFFENDERS.**

- 6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study the impacts to the  
7 public, victims, the sex offender risk assessment committee, law enforcement  
8 agencies, sex offenders, and other relevant parties, of allowing some low-risk sex  
9 offenders to petition the court for an order for early discontinuation relieving the  
10 offender of the duty to register. The study must include a thorough analysis of  
11 establishing a framework for submitting and reviewing petitions with the inclusion of a  
12 victim advocate if the early discontinuation of registration requirements is  
13 recommended by the committee. The study also must include an analysis of:
- 14 a. The effect of early discontinuation of registration on public safety and victim  
15 safety.
  - 16 b. The length of registration which should be required before a low-risk sex offender  
17 would qualify to petition for early discontinuation of registration.
  - 18 c. Registrable criminal offenses that should make a low-risk sex offender eligible or  
19 ineligible to petition for early discontinuation of registration.
  - 20 d. How the age of a victim and the age of the victim compared to the offender would  
21 impact eligibility to petition for early discontinuation of registration.

- 1           e.   Whether the offender's need for end-of-life care would impact eligibility to petition
- 2           for early discontinuation of registration.
- 3           f.   Any other relevant factors.
- 4        2.   The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 5           with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Seventieth
- 6           Legislative Assembly.