

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1197**

Introduced by

Representatives Frelich, Mitskog, Monson, K. Anderson, Schreiber-Beck, Wagner

Senators Luick, Myrdal, Davison, Mathern, Meyer, Sorvaag

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of correctional facilities.

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

3 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

4 During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study jails and regional  
5 correctional centers, including their current and projected infrastructure needs, the costs and  
6 benefits of regional correctional facilities, the impacts of deferred admission, and the  
7 prioritization of inmates sentenced to the department of corrections and rehabilitation. The study  
8 must include input from representatives of counties with a population of seven thousand five  
9 hundred or more, representatives of counties with a population of fewer than seven thousand  
10 five hundred, local law enforcement officials, representatives of the department of corrections  
11 and rehabilitation, representatives of the office of management and budget, and the attorney  
12 general. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together  
13 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative  
14 assembly.