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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1468

Introduced by

Representatives Bosch, Berg, Dockter, Martinson, Nathe, Porter, Heinert

Senators Axtman, Cleary, Larson

1   A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services

2   for a behavioral health facility grant.

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

4   **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**

5   **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY GRANT.**

6   1.   There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and

7   improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of

8        $16,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health

9   and human services for the purpose of providing a behavioral health facility grant, for

10   the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

11   2.   A grant of up to $16,000,000 must be provided to increase the number of behavioral

12   health beds in the west central human service center region. To be eligible to receive a

13   grant under this section, an entity must increase the number of available inpatient

14   behavioral health beds by thirty.

15   3.   The department shall require an entity receiving a grant under this section to operate

16   the behavioral health facility for at least ten years and require the grant amount to be

17   repaid if the entity does not operate the facility for at least ten years. The amount of

18   grant funding that must be repaid may be reduced by ten percent for each year the

19   facility is in operation. Grant funding may not be awarded under this section until the

20   physical infrastructure of the behavioral health facility is complete and the entity

21   submits documentation to the department to detail adequate staffing plans to support

22   the facility.

1   4.   The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient,

2   the grant award, or payments made under this section.