

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1119

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Health and Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding early childhood
2 services and child care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES.**

5 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
6 laws, administrative rules, and policies relating to early childhood services and child
7 care.

8 2. The study must:

9 a. Evaluate the current early childhood services framework, identifying strengths,
10 challenges, and opportunities, including opportunities to streamline the
11 administrative process, to enhance clarity for providers, and to provide services
12 for more children.

13 b. Consider licensing requirements, the federal and state assistance programs
14 available, education requirements for program operators, training and certification
15 requirements for staff members, the number of children in an early childhood
16 program, child to provider ratios, and square footage requirements.

17 3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
18 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
19 legislative assembly.