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- The department shall require an entity receiving funding under this section to operate
 the facility for at least ten years and require the grant amount to be repaid if the entity
 does not operate the facility for at least ten years.
- The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient,
 the grant award, or payments made under this section.

SECTION 7. NURSING FACILITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM - REPORT. The department of health and human services may not change the 2023-25 biennium payment structure of the nursing facility incentive program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department, in collaboration with the North Dakota long term care association, may review alternative payment structures for the program during the 2025-26 interim and report any recommended changes to be considered for implementation during the 2027-29 biennium to the legislative management by July 31, 2026.

AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - APPLICATION. Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the purpose of providing a one-time community cultural center grant in the west central human service region. An entity may apply for a grant under this section if the entity certifies to the department it has secured at least fifty percent of funds needed to complete the project, the project will be completed within two years of receiving the grant funds, and the grants funds will be used only for costs of constructing a community cultural center. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient, the grant award, or payments made under this section.

SECTION 9. JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS - TASK

FORCE - REPORT. Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$750,000 from the general fund for juvenile justice diversion services and programs. The department of health and human services must use the funding for services to youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement but who have not committed delinquent acts as defined in chapter 27-20.4.

The department shall establish a task force with representation from divisions in the department, human service zones, the department of public instruction, elementary and secondary schools, and members of the legislative assembly, to review juvenile justice diversion services and program. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislative management and children's cabinet.