

- 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.
- 4. 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 shall study alternative payment structures for the nursing facility incentive program, including the potential use of a withhold during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department shall conduct this study in collaboration with the North Dakota long term care association and providers. The department may not implement a nursing facility withhold during the 2025-27 biennium. The department shall report its findings and any recommended changes to the payment structure of the nursing facility incentive program for the 2027-29 biennium to the legislative management for consideration by September 1, 2026.

SECTION 8. COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER GRANT - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT
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