

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senators Hogan, Cleary, Lee

Representative Mitskog

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 for child care assistance program grants; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
5 **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of
6 any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
7 \$9,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and
8 human services for the purpose of reducing the number of families on the child care assistance
9 program wait list, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30,
10 2027. The department shall use the funding appropriated in this section for child care
11 assistance benefits for eligible families with incomes less than thirty percent of the state median
12 income, for households experiencing homelessness, and for families involved in the child
13 welfare system. The funding appropriated in this section is considered a one-time funding item.
14 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective October 1, 2026.