



North Dakota Legislative Council

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FENTANYL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REPORT

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2248 (2023), which enacted North Dakota Century Code Section 19-03.1-23.5 ([appendix](#)), provides new reporting requirements related to fentanyl awareness. The section requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report to the Legislative Management by November 1 of each year summarizing the number of deaths that occurred in the state caused by or related to fentanyl consumption during the preceding calendar year, including the county in which the deaths occurred and the age and gender of the deceased individuals. The Health Services Committee was assigned the duty to receive the report. The department is also to make the data in the report available to the public by:

- Making the information easily accessible on the department's government website;
- Publishing easily comprehensible printed materials on fentanyl awareness, information, and resources;
- Placing visible billboards in high-traffic areas to inform the public of the dangers of fentanyl; and
- Developing a media and social media campaign to expand statewide awareness of fentanyl drug deaths and the fentanyl overdose epidemic occurring within the state.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND

The opioid settlement fund was created in House Bill No. 1447 (2023). Money recovered by the state as a result of opioid litigation must be deposited in the fund. The State Investment Board is to invest money in the fund and income earned on the money in the fund must be credited to the fund. Money in the fund may be used in compliance with any court-ordered restrictions and as authorized by legislative appropriation; however, legislative appropriations from the fund may not exceed \$8 million in a biennium.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, which was also created in House Bill No. 1447 (2023), consists of the following members:

- One member of the North Dakota Association of Counties appointed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management, who shall serve a term of 2 years;
- One member of the North Dakota League of Cities appointed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management, who shall serve a term of 2 years;
- One member of the North Dakota State Association of City and County Health Officials appointed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management, who shall serve a term of 2 years;
- One member who represents the Highway Patrol appointed by the Highway Patrol Superintendent, who shall serve a term of 2 years;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Behavioral Health;
- The managing Director of the Office of Recovery Reinvented; and
- One member appointed by the Governor who shall serve as a nonvoting member and as the presiding officer of the committee, who shall serve a term of 2 years.

The committee is to make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the spending of legislative appropriations for remediation or abatement of the state opioid crisis. As part of the developing the recommendations the committee is to receive input from political subdivisions and the public.