

SENATE BILL NO. 2115

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to county share of foster care costs.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **County share of foster care costs.**

- 7 1. For all periods after January 1, 1998, each county shall reimburse the state
8 agency, upon claim being made therefor by the state agency, for that county's
9 share of one-fourth of the amount expended in the state in excess of any amount
10 provided by the federal government under title IV-E for payments on behalf of
11 children approved and granted foster care for children or subsidized adoption,
12 without regard to that child's eligibility for benefits under title IV-E.
- 13 2. Each county's share of all counties' shares must be calculated under a formula
14 established by the state agency through consultation with county representatives.
15 The formula must:
- 16 a. Include consideration of the most recent census data or official census
17 estimates of the number of youth in each county;
- 18 b. Include consideration of recent expenditures for foster care for youth from
19 each county; and
- 20 c. Be established by policy, and not by rule.