

SENATE BILL NO. 2445

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 19-03.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a comprehensive status and trends report regarding unlawful
3 controlled substance use and abuse treatment and enforcement efforts.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Comprehensive status and trends report.** On or before July first of each
8 even-numbered year, the attorney general, or designee of the attorney general, shall report the
9 current status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement
10 efforts in this state. This report must be made to an interim legislative committee and must
11 include the following information:

- 12 1. The state department of health shall provide the results of a recent survey of the
13 state's young people regarding drug usage and trafficking in their age groups. This
14 survey must include information regarding the accessibility of unlawful drugs, the
15 prevalence of unlawful drugs in schools or at school-related activities, and the
16 types and frequency of unlawful drugs used by young people. This report must
17 include the number of each type of controlled substance tested by the state crime
18 laboratory of the department.
- 19 2. The department of human services shall provide a current status of the number of
20 people who were treated, sought treatment, or were referred for treatment for
21 unlawful drug use in the state. The availability and adequacy of treatment
22 programs for drug abusers must be detailed in the report.
- 23 3. The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall provide the current status of
24 the number of people incarcerated or on probation in the state correctional system

- 1 for violation of title 19. This report must specify the average length of sentence
2 including probation, average length of incarceration ordered by a court to be
3 served, and average actual time incarcerated for drug offenders sentenced to the
4 custody of the department.
- 5 4. The attorney general shall provide the current status of the number of arrests for
6 violation of title 19 and the current enforcement efforts to combat unlawful drug
7 trafficking and usage.