

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1408

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Devlin, Kreidt

Senators Andrist, Brown, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act directing the department of corrections and rehabilitation to provide a grant
2 for a pilot project for an alternative care program for adults with substance abuse issues; to
3 create and enact a new section to chapter 50-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
4 department of human services criteria for substance abuse programs that treat adolescents
5 and adults; and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.

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

7 **SECTION 1. ALTERNATIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND**
8 **TREATMENT SERVICES - FAITH-BASED PROVIDER PILOT PROJECT - REPORT TO**
9 **SIXTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall
10 provide up to \$150,000 from funds appropriated in the field services line item of section 3 of
11 Senate Bill No. 2015, as approved by the fifty-ninth legislative assembly, to a licensed
12 nonprofit, faith-based organization in North Dakota to provide a thirteen- to nineteen-month
13 residential care program for indigent adults with alcohol or other substance abuse issues as a
14 pilot project for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007. The recipient
15 shall use the funding for room and board costs relating to the pilot project. The department
16 shall provide a report to the sixtieth legislative assembly on the pilot project. The report must
17 include information on the results and outcomes of the pilot project, the department's
18 recommendations regarding continuing or expanding funding for the program, and its
19 recommendations regarding the development of a payment system for room and board costs
20 for these residential care services providers.

21 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 created and enacted as follows:

23 **Criteria for substance abuse programs that treat adolescents and adults.** The
24 department may not require a program that provides treatment for adolescents and adults to

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- 1 provide separate services for adolescents. Rules of the department may encourage a
- 2 substance abuse treatment environment for adolescents which is separate physically from that
- 3 for adult patients. However, rules of the department must make allowance for providing
- 4 substance abuse treatment in intergenerational groups if limited resources and treatment space
- 5 make substance abuse treatment in intergenerational groups a viable alternative to
- 6 discontinuing services for adolescents.