

Introduced by

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Senators Brown, J. Lee, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to an annual report of certain programs administered or funded by the  
3 department of human services; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Annual report on programs and services.** The department shall present an annual  
8 report to the legislative council which provides a five-year historical analysis of the number of  
9 persons receiving services under the medical assistance program, the costs for rendering the  
10 services by program appropriations, the budget requested, the budget appropriated, and actual  
11 expenditures for each of the preceding five years. The report must include a comparison of the  
12 state's experience with that of immediate surrounding states. Using actuarial tools, the report  
13 must project estimated usage trends and budget estimates for meeting those trends for the  
14 succeeding five-year period. The legislative council may request from the department actuarial  
15 reports in a format and timeline the legislative council determines necessary to monitor program  
16 policies and legislative appropriations.

17 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
18 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so much  
19 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
20 obtaining actuarial service for developing actuarially based methodologies for setting medical  
21 assistance payment rates and developing department budget recommendations, performing  
22 and reviewing data analyses, tracking program service utilization, and determining the  
23 effectiveness of quality and cost containment initiatives in the medical assistance program for  
24 the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.