

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1460

Introduced by

Representatives Price, Devlin, Kaldor

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 a biennial report of certain programs administered or funded by the
3 department of human services; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
19 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much
20 of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds or other
21 income, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of
22 human services for the purpose of obtaining actuarial service for developing actuarially based
23 methodologies for setting medical assistance payment rates and developing department budget
24 recommendations, performing and reviewing data analyses, tracking program service

1 utilization, and determining the effectiveness of quality and cost containment initiatives in the
2 medical assistance program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30,
3 2007.

4 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2007, and
5 after that date is ineffective.