

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1460
(Representatives Price, Devlin, Kaldor)
(Senators Brown, J. Lee, Warner)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a biennial report of certain programs administered or funded by the department of human services; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds or other income, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of obtaining actuarial service for developing actuarially based methodologies for setting medical assistance payment rates and developing department budget recommendations, performing and reviewing data analyses, tracking program service utilization, and determining the effectiveness of quality and cost containment initiatives in the medical assistance program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1460.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 3 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State