

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Lyson

Representatives Haas, Maragos

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to exempting from the open records law records concerning individual
3 recipients of economic assistance.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Exemption of records relating to individual recipients of economic assistance or**
8 **benefits.** Records concerning individual applicants or recipients of economic assistance or
9 support, including benefits or services, are exempt from section 44-04-18 and section 6 of
10 article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota. These exempt records include applications,
11 income or eligibility verification, assessments, or other personal, medical, or financial data. This
12 section does not apply to records governed by a more specific statute, including records
13 created or maintained by the department of human services.