Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE BILL NO. 2028

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Criminal Justice Committee)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a quardianship services system; and to provide an
- 2 appropriation.

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- SECTION 1. Guardianship services. The department of human services shall contract with an entity to create and coordinate a unified system for the provision of guardianship services to vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services. The system must include a base unit funding level, provider standards, staff competency requirements, the use of an emergency funding procedure to cover the costs of establishing needed guardianships, and guidelines and training for guardians. The 10 department shall require that the contracting entity develop and maintain a system of volunteer 11 guardians to serve the state. The department shall adopt rules for guardianship services to 12 vulnerable adults which are consistent with chapters 30.1-26, 30.1-28, and 30.1-29.
  - SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$772,550, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of contracting for the establishment and maintenance of a guardianship services system for vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental disabilities case management services,
- 18 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.