## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2326

Introduced by

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Senators Mathern, Fischer, J. Lee

Representatives Price, Schneider

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to medical assistance and other health coverage for families of children
- 3 with disabilities; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is 6 created and enacted as follows:

- Optional medical assistance for families of children with disabilities. The
- 8 department of human services shall establish and implement a buy-in program under the
- 9 federal Family Opportunity Act enacted as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 [Pub. L.
- 10 109-171; 120 Stat. 4; 42 U.S.C 1396] to provide medical assistance and other health coverage
- 11 options to families of children with disabilities and whose net income does not exceed two
- 12 <u>hundred percent of the federal poverty line.</u>

13 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the 14 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,059,932, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and the sum of \$1,673,835, not otherwise appropriated, 15 16 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from special funds derived from federal funds and 17 other income, to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing and 18 implementing a buy-in program to provide medical assistance and other health coverage 19 options to families of children with disabilities and for implementing the waiver described in 20 North Dakota Century Code section 50-24.1-26 to provide in-home services to children with 21 extraordinary medical needs who would otherwise require hospitalization or nursing facility 22 care, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The department of 23 human services is authorized one full-time equivalent position for implementing the programs 24 described in this Act.