

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-26 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the alternatives-to-abortion services program; to provide for reports to the legislative  
3 council; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-26. Alternatives-to-abortion services program.** The department of human  
8 services shall disburse funds available through title IV-A of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C.  
9 601 et seq.] to nongovernmental entities that provide alternatives-to-abortion services and  
10 expend funds to inform the public about this program. The services must be outcome-based  
11 with positive outcome-based results. The department shall contract with a statewide marketing  
12 firm to inform the public about this program. For purposes of this section,  
13 "alternatives-to-abortion services" are those services that promote childbirth instead of abortion  
14 by providing information, counseling, and support services that assist pregnant women or  
15 women who believe they may be pregnant to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions  
16 regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children.

17 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2009-10 interim, the  
18 department of human services shall make annual reports to the legislative council regarding the  
19 status of the alternatives-to-abortion services program.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special  
21 funds derived from federal funds and other income from the temporary assistance for needy  
22 families program, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
23 department of human services for the purpose of providing the alternatives-to-abortion services  
24 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The department

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- 1 shall designate \$400,000 of this appropriation for alternatives-to-abortion services and
- 2 \$100,000 for contracting with a statewide marketing firm to inform the public about this
- 3 program.