

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1199

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a study of guardianship services for vulnerable adults in the state; and to provide an appropriation.

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

**SECTION 1. GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES STUDY.** During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall contract with a consultant to study guardianship services for vulnerable adults in the state. The study must include an analysis of the need for guardianship services in the state; the establishment of guardianships; petitioning costs and other costs associated with providing guardianship services; the entities responsible for guardianship costs; and the interaction between the courts, counties, state agencies, and guardianship organizations regarding guardianship services. The consultant shall provide periodic reports to the legislative management. The consultant shall present the final report and recommendations regarding the study to the legislative management before June 1, 2012. The legislative management shall report the findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.

**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, to the legislative management for the purpose of contracting with a consultant for a study of guardianship services for vulnerable adults as described in section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013."

Renumber accordingly