

Introduced by

Representatives Keiser, Glassheim

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-24 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
2 ~~relating to guardianship services; and to provide an appropriation.~~ for an Act to provide for a
3 study of guardianship services for vulnerable adults in the state; and to provide an
4 appropriation.

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

6 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
7 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

8 ~~— **50-06-24. Guardianship services.**~~

9 ~~— The department of human services may create and coordinate a unified system for the~~
10 ~~provision of guardianship services to vulnerable adults who are ineligible for developmental~~
11 ~~disabilities case management services. The system must~~ may ~~include a base unit funding level~~
12 ~~at the same level as developmental disability corporate guardianship rates, provider standards,~~
13 ~~staff competency requirements, and guidelines and training for guardians. The department~~
14 ~~shall~~ may ~~adopt rules for guardianship services to vulnerable adults which are consistent with~~
15 ~~chapters 30.1-26, 30.1-28, and 30.1-29.~~

16 ~~— **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
17 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$65,275, or so much of the~~
18 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding~~
19 ~~guardianship program enhancements, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending~~
20 ~~June 30, 2013.~~

21 **SECTION 1. GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES STUDY.** During the 2011-12 interim, the
22 legislative management shall contract with a consultant to study guardianship services for
23 vulnerable adults in the state. The study must include an analysis of the need for guardianship
24 services in the state; the establishment of guardianships; petitioning costs and other costs

1 associated with providing guardianship services; the entities responsible for guardianship costs;
2 and the interaction between the courts, counties, state agencies, and guardianship
3 organizations regarding guardianship services. The consultant shall provide periodic reports to
4 the legislative management. The consultant shall present the final report and recommendations
5 regarding the study to the legislative management before June 1, 2012. The legislative
6 management shall report the findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
7 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.

8 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
9 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the
10 sum as may be necessary, to the legislative management for the purpose of contracting with a
11 consultant for a study of guardianship services for vulnerable adults as described in section 1 of
12 this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.