

Introduced by

Senators Dever, J. Lee, Mathern

Representatives N. Johnson, Metcalf, J. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 and three new sections  
2 to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to traumatic brain injury services.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Students with brain injuries.**

7 The superintendent of public instruction shall coordinate the development and delivery of  
8 professional development activities pertaining to the education of students with brain injuries.  
9 The activities must include methods for identifying and evaluating brain injuries, the use of  
10 appropriate screening tools, and best practices in the provision of educational services to  
11 students with brain injuries.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
13 and enacted as follows:

14 **Traumatic brain injury registry.**

15 The department shall establish and maintain a registry of individuals who sustain traumatic  
16 brain injury. The department shall develop a system for reporting incidents of traumatic brain  
17 injury. The system must include education, training, and technical assistance to reporting  
18 entities.

19 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
20 and enacted as follows:

21 **Resource facilitation - Peer mentoring services.**

22 1. The department shall contract with a public or private entity with expertise in traumatic  
23 brain injury for the provision of resource facilitation. To provide statewide services, the  
24 entity shall employ three resource facilitators, one of whom has a designated focus on

1 providing services to veterans who have traumatic brain injury. For purpose of this  
2 subsection, "resource facilitator" includes care and service coordination for individuals  
3 who have traumatic brain injury.

4 2. The department, in consultation with the head injury association of North Dakota, shall  
5 provide peer mentoring services. For purposes of this subsection, "peer mentoring"  
6 includes the recruitment of volunteers to provide peer mentoring services to an  
7 individual with traumatic brain injury and to the individual's family and caregivers. A  
8 specific focus of the recruitment of volunteers must be to work with veterans who can  
9 fulfill the role of peer mentors for those veterans who have traumatic brain injury. The  
10 department of veterans' affairs, the adjutant general, and military support  
11 organizations shall work closely with the department and the head injury association of  
12 North Dakota for the coordination of peer mentoring services.

13 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
14 and enacted as follows:

15 **Traumatic brain injury supplemental services program fund established.**

16 There is established in the state treasury a special fund known as the traumatic brain injury  
17 supplemental services program fund. Moneys in the fund, within the limits of legislative  
18 appropriation and subject to criteria established by the department, may be used for meeting  
19 the unmet needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury. The services provided may include  
20 specialized services, supplies, and equipment.