

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2163

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 two new sections~~
2 ~~to chapter 50-06.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to traumatic brain injury services.~~
3 for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of human services for traumatic brain
4 injury services.

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

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

8 ~~**— Students with brain injuries.**~~

9 ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall coordinate the development and delivery of~~
10 ~~professional development activities to teachers and counselors serving students with brain~~
11 ~~injuries. The activities must include methods for identifying and evaluating brain injuries, the use~~
12 ~~of appropriate screening tools, and best practices in the provision of educational services to~~
13 ~~students with brain injuries.~~

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

16 ~~**— Resource facilitation – Peer mentoring services.**~~

17 ~~1. The department shall contract with a public or private entity having expertise in~~
18 ~~traumatic brain injury for the provision of resource facilitation. To provide statewide~~
19 ~~services, the entity shall employ three resource facilitators, one of whom has a~~
20 ~~designated focus on providing services to veterans who have traumatic brain injury.~~
21 ~~For purpose of this subsection, "resource facilitator" includes care and service~~
22 ~~coordination for individuals who have traumatic brain injury.~~

23 ~~2. The department, in consultation with the head injury association of North Dakota, shall~~
24 ~~provide peer mentoring services. For purposes of this subsection, "peer mentoring"~~

1 ~~includes the recruitment of volunteers to provide peer mentoring services to an~~
2 ~~individual with traumatic brain injury and to the individual's family and caregivers. A~~
3 ~~specific focus of the recruitment of volunteers must be to work with veterans who can~~
4 ~~fulfill the role of peer mentors for those veterans who have traumatic brain injury. The~~
5 ~~department of veterans' affairs, the adjutant general, and military support~~
6 ~~organizations shall work closely with the department and the head injury association of~~
7 ~~North Dakota for the coordination of peer mentoring services.~~

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

10 — **Traumatic brain injury supplemental services program fund established.**

11 — ~~There is established in the state treasury a special fund known as the traumatic brain injury~~
12 ~~supplemental services program fund. Moneys in the fund, within the limits of legislative~~
13 ~~appropriation and subject to criteria established by the department, may be used for meeting~~
14 ~~the unmet needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury. The services provided may include~~
15 ~~specialized services, supplies, and equipment.~~

16 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
17 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$110,000, or so much of the
18 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing
19 traumatic brain injury case management services in eastern North Dakota, for the biennium
20 beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.