

Introduced by

Representatives Haak, Hawken, N. Johnson, Hogan

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide an appropriation for head start programs.~~for an Act directing the
2 legislative management to study early childhood services and early childhood education.

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

4 ~~**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general-~~
5 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,150,000, or so much of the~~
6 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing~~
7 ~~grants to head start programs in this state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending~~
8 ~~June 30, 2015.~~

9 ~~1. The head start state collaboration administrator shall award grants under this section-~~
10 ~~based on an application and criteria that include:~~

11 ~~a. The number of low income or at-risk children and families that a program can~~
12 ~~serve;~~

13 ~~b. A program's design, service area, and accessibility to eligible children and~~
14 ~~families;~~

15 ~~c. A program's coordination and interaction with licensed child care programs and~~
16 ~~public and nonpublic schools; and~~

17 ~~d. Proposals for innovative ways of addressing identified needs of eligible children-~~
18 ~~and families.~~

19 ~~2. The department shall monitor and provide oversight of all grant recipients.~~

20 ~~3. This appropriation does not create eligibility entitlements.~~

21 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES**
22 **AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.**

23 1. The legislative management shall consider studying, during the 2013-14 interim, the
24 development, delivery, and administration of comprehensive early childhood services

1 and early childhood education in this state. The study must include an examination of
2 the availability, quality, and cost of services offered by existing public and private
3 sector providers, the projected need for services during the coming ten years to twenty
4 years, and the ability of public and private sector providers to address the expansion
5 of facilities or the creation of additional facilities.

6 2. The legislative management may appoint a committee, workgroups, task forces, and
7 subcommittees, as necessary, to provide or obtain information required in conjunction
8 with this study.

9 3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
10 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth
11 legislative assembly.