Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **SENATE BILL NO. 2218**

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, J. Roers, K. Roers

Representatives Roers Jones, Westlind

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to records of individuals who provide information to public social service
- 3 agencies.

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## 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 <u>Identity of reporter to social services agency Exempt records.</u>
- 8 <u>1. For purposes of this section:</u>
  - a. "Human services" means services provided to an individual or an individual's family in need of services to assist the individual or the individual's family in achieving and maintaining basic self-sufficiency, including physical health, mental health, education, welfare, food and nutrition, and housing; and
    - b. "Public social services agency" means a state, county, or local public agency that provides human services, and includes regional human service centers, county social services boards, multicounty social services districts, and the department of human services.
  - 2. The name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other record that reasonably could be used to identify an individual who provided information to a public social service agency is an exempt record if:
  - a. The information relates to a matter involving human services over which the agency has regulatory jurisdiction; and
- b. The agency determines the individual had a good-faith belief the information
  related to a possible violation of law when the individual provided it to the agency.