Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2291

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Hogan, K. Roers

Representatives Dockter, Mock

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to creation of a trauma-informed practices working group; to provide for
- a report to the legislative management; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an expiration
 date.

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

6 SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8	Trauma-informed	practices	working	group	- Membership	o - Duties -	- Network - Re	ports
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- <u>1.</u> <u>The behavioral health division shall establish and provide administrative services for a</u>
 <u>trauma-informed practices working group. The working group shall:</u>
- a. Assess and guide efforts to provide evidence-based trauma treatment models
 and services within the state's system of care. The assessment must include
 identification of gaps in the state's system.
- 15b.Establish, implement, and maintain a statewide plan for trauma-informed care16which may include establishing a system for:
 - (1) Trauma screening of adults and children who enter the state's system of care;
 - (2) <u>Trauma-sensitive strategies for providing care plans for individuals with a</u> positive response to the screening; and
 - (3) Referral resources to inform individuals with trauma histories about traumainformed services and supports.
- 23 c. Establish and provide public and private workforce and professional education
 24 training and support material regarding trauma-informed practices.

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1		<u>d.</u>	Make recommendations to improve and support trauma-informed practices.			
2		<u>e.</u>	Engage public and private stakeholders in performing the duties of the working			
3			group.			
4		<u>f.</u>	Provide annual reports to the legislative management regarding the status of the			
5			working group's activities and any recommendations.			
6	<u>2.</u>	<u>The</u>	working group membership must include representatives of:			
7		<u>a.</u>	The department of corrections and rehabilitation;			
8		<u>b.</u>	The state department of health;			
9		<u>C.</u>	The state board of higher education;			
10		<u>d.</u>	The department of human services;			
11		<u>e.</u>	The Indian affairs commission;			
12		<u>f.</u>	The insurance department:			
13		<u>g.</u>	The judicial branch;			
14		<u>h.</u>	The committee on protection and advocacy;			
15		<u>i.</u>	The department of public instruction; and			
16		<u>j.</u>	Other public and private stakeholders identified by the behavioral health division.			
17	<u>3.</u>	The	e director of the behavioral health division, or the director's designee, shall serve as			
18		<u>the</u>	presiding officer of the working group. The working group shall meet at least			
19		<u>bia</u>	nnually. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer.			
20	<u>4.</u>	The	e department shall maintain a network of clinicians to implement, evaluate, and			
21		<u>sus</u>	tain the practice of evidence-based mental health treatment for children who have			
22		<u>exp</u>	perienced traumatic life events. The network shall maintain an online directory and			
23	facilitate an ongoing learning community for clinicians trained in trauma-focused					
24	cognitive behavioral therapy. The network shall also offer trauma-based trainings for					
25	other child serving systems.					
26	6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general					
27	fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the					
28	sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of					
29	implementing the trauma-informed practices working group, for the biennium beginning July 1,					
30	0 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.					

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SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 1 of this This Act is effective through July 31,

2 2023, and after that date is ineffective.