PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1359

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a hyperbaric oxygen therapy pilot program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY PILOT PROGRAM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.

1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $335,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the purpose of contracting with a third party to implement a hyperbaric oxygen therapy pilot program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

2. The department shall contract with a local nonprofit entity with experience implementing studies using hyperbaric oxygen for traumatic brain injuries to conduct a pilot program for treatment of moderate to severely brain-injured North Dakotans using an established protocol of hyperbaric oxygen therapy provided by a private entity with experience in treating traumatic brain injury using medical-grade hyperbaric chambers pressurized with one hundred percent oxygen. The goals of the study include demonstrating improvement in brain-eye function using RightEye, significant improvement in quality of life of injured patients, significant improvement in cognitive abilities of injured patients, and financial savings and increased revenues for the state, including possible savings for medical assistance and workers' compensation and a positive impact on income tax revenues. The pilot program design must be established in consultation with a third-party physician.

3. During the 2019-21 biennium, the department shall make periodic reports to the legislative management on the status of the pilot program and whether the goals are being realized."

Renumber accordingly