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Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Senate Amendments ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1453

Introduced by

Representatives Skroch, Buffalo, Sanford, Vigesaa Senators Heckaman, Hogan, Mathern, Poolman

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of civil commitment laws and
- 2 procedures.

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

- 4 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CIVIL
- 5 COMMITMENT AND INTERVENTION BEFORE VIOLENCE.
 - 1. During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the state's civil commitment laws and procedures under chapters 25-03.1 and 25-03.2 and the behavioral health and civil justice systems to determine whether:
 - Steps could be taken to prevent and to decrease the incidence of violence committed by persons who are mentally ill, including the temporary removal of firearms; and
 - b. Our behavioral health and civil justice systems could take steps to be more effective in intervening in the early stages of an individual's mental illness to treat the illness and avoid violence and possible contact with law enforcement.
 - The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh
 legislative assembly.