

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1243**

Introduced by

Representative M. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-62 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to requiring office of faith-based and community initiatives to establish an  
3 outreach and educational program for clergy regarding mental health; and to provide for a  
4 legislative management report.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-62 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Outreach and educational program for clergy on mental health.**

9 The office of faith-based and community initiatives shall establish an outreach and  
10 educational program for clergy members. The program must include providing information  
11 regarding mental health issues, including addiction, and educational materials regarding  
12 available resources in the state.

13 **SECTION 2. OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES OUTREACH**  
14 **AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** Before  
15 July 1, 2022, the office of faith-based and community initiatives shall provide a report to the  
16 legislative management regarding the status, findings, and recommendations of the outreach  
17 and educational program for clergy regarding mental health.