

Introduced by

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Representatives Meier, J. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's developmental  
2 services; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

5 **SERVICES.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall study state and  
6 federal laws and regulations relating to the care and treatment of individuals with developmental  
7 disabilities.

8 1. The study must include a review of the following:

- 9 a. The state's existing programs to identify potential pathways for individuals who  
10 have a developmental disability but do not meet the eligibility criteria for existing  
11 programs;
- 12 b. Gap identification with programmatic recommendations identifying potential  
13 strategies to address the gaps, and potential federal and state funding sources;
- 14 c. Efforts and services offered by other states, including the planning and  
15 implementation process for any new programs; and
- 16 d. The impact of implementation and expanding of programs to address service  
17 gaps, including the number of individuals impacted, cost, and timeline for  
18 implementation.

19 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together  
20 with any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the  
21 sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
23 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much of the  
24 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of selecting a

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly

- 1 consultant to assist legislative management in the study related to the state's developmental
- 2 services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.