

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2256

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Hogan, Lee, Mathern

Representatives Meier, J. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's developmental  
2 disability services; and to provide an appropriation and autism spectrum disorder waiver and  
3 voucher programs.

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

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
6 **SERVICES - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WAIVER AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS.**

7 During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall study state and federal laws and  
8 regulations and services relating to the care and treatment of individuals with developmental  
9 disabilities and individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

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

11 a. The state's existing programs to identify potential pathways for individuals who  
12 have a developmental disability and individuals who have an autism spectrum  
13 disorder but do not meet the eligibility criteria for existing programs;

14 b. Gap identification with programmatic recommendations identifying potential  
15 strategies to address the gaps, and potential federal and state funding sources,  
16 including the federal Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment;

17 c. Efforts and services offered by other states, including the planning and  
18 implementation process for any new or modified programs; ~~and~~

19 d. The impact of implementation and expanding of programs to address service  
20 gaps, including the number of individuals impacted, cost, and timeline for  
21 implementation; and

22 e. The elimination of the autism spectrum disorder task force, including contracting  
23 with a private, nonprofit entity that does not provide autism spectrum disorder

1                   services to facilitate and provide support services to the autism spectrum  
2                   disorder task force.

3           2.   In conducting the study, the legislative management shall contract with a third party.

4   3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together  
5           with any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the  
6           sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

7   ~~— **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~  
8 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much of the~~  
9 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of selecting a~~  
10 ~~consultant to assist legislative management in the study related to the state's developmental~~  
11 ~~services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.~~