

SENATE BILL NO. 2089

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

1 | A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 17 of section 50-06-05.1 ~~of~~ of the North
2 | Dakota Century Code, relating to financing of welfare programs and housing stabilization
3 | supports and rental assistance; ~~and~~ to repeal sections 1-02-35, and 50-06-14, ~~and 50-06-32.1~~
4 | of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to obsolete effective date language, and financing of
5 | welfare programs, ~~and the autism spectrum disorder voucher program~~; to provide a statement
6 | of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an
7 | emergency.

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

9 | **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 17 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota
10 | Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11 | 17. To administer, allocate, and distribute any funds made available for the making of
12 | direct cash assistance payments, housing ~~assistance payments~~ stabilization supports,
13 | and rental ~~subsidies under any rental assistance programs initiated by the federal~~
14 | ~~government not otherwise by law made the responsibility of another state agency~~
15 | ~~possessing statewide jurisdiction~~ and to promote cooperation and working agreements
16 | with public agencies; and including the housing finance agency and department of
17 | commerce, and private human services agencies.

18 | **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Sections 1-02-35, and 50-06-14, ~~and 50-06-32.1~~ of the North
19 | Dakota Century Code are repealed.

20 | **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER VOUCHER**
21 | **PROGRAM.** The department of human services shall adopt rules to seek additional flexibility for
22 | the administration of the autism spectrum disorder voucher program to ensure families can be
23 | served within available appropriations. The administrative code changes should consider
24 | changes that include reducing the amount of approved voucher funds available to each

1 household and the amount of time during which a household may use approved voucher funds.

2 The department of human services shall request the legislative assembly fund the autism

3 spectrum disorder voucher program with three hundred thousand dollars.

4 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**

5 **WAIVER AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS AND TASK FORCE.** During the 2021-22 interim, the

6 legislative management shall consider studying the autism spectrum disorder waiver and

7 voucher programs and other programs designed to provide services to children who are

8 impacted by autism spectrum disorder and the elimination of the autism spectrum disorder task

9 force. The study may include consideration of the structure of the programs and whether there

10 are any gaps and unmet needs. The legislative management shall report its finding and

11 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to

12 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

13 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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