

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2161

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Hogan, K. Roers

Representatives Dobervich, Weisz, Westlind

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed
3 management system; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Mental health provider registry.**

8 The department shall establish and maintain a registry of mental health providers in the
9 state. A mental health provider shall provide the information and documentation necessary to
10 the department annually in the form and manner prescribed by the department. The department
11 shall make the registry available to the public on the department's website.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
13 and enacted as follows:

14 **Behavioral health bed management system.**

15 The department shall establish and maintain a behavioral health bed management system
16 to improve utilization of behavioral health beds. Public and private providers of residential or
17 inpatient behavioral health services shall participate in and report daily to the department the
18 information and documentation necessary to participate in the behavioral health bed
19 management system in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

20 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL**

21 **HEALTH SERVICES.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider
22 studying the implementation of expanded behavioral health services, including section 1915(i)
23 waiver implementation, capacity and utilization of the state hospital, a mental health provider
24 registry, a behavioral health bed management system, and implementation of the

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- 1 recommendations of the 2018 North Dakota behavioral health system study conducted by the
- 2 human services research institute. The legislative management shall report its finding and
- 3 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 4 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.