

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~~^a new ~~sections~~^{section} to chapter 50-06 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health ~~provider~~^{program} registry ~~and a behavioral-~~
3 ~~health bed 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~~^{program} registry.**

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

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

15 ~~**Behavioral health bed management system.**~~

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

21 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL**

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

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