

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~~<sup>a</sup> 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; and to  
4 declare an emergency.

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

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

8 **Mental health ~~provider~~program registry.**

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

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

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

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

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

23 **HEALTH SERVICES.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider  
24 studying the implementation of expanded behavioral health services, including section 1915(i)

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

7 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.