

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
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 a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a mental health program registry; to provide for a legislative
3 management study; and to declare an emergency.

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 program registry.**

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

12 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL**
13 **HEALTH SERVICES.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider
14 studying the implementation of expanded behavioral health services, including section 1915(i)
15 waiver implementation, capacity and utilization of the state hospital, a behavioral health bed
16 management system, and implementation of the recommendations of the 2018 North Dakota
17 behavioral health system study conducted by the human services research institute. The
18 legislative management shall report its finding and recommendations, together with any
19 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

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