

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2256

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Hogan, Lee, Mathern

Representatives Meier, J. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's developmental
2 disability services; and to provide an appropriation and autism spectrum disorder waiver and
3 voucher programs.

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

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**
6 **SERVICES - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WAIVER AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS.**

7 During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall study state and federal laws and
8 regulations and services relating to the care and treatment of individuals with developmental
9 disabilities and individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

10 1. The study must include a review of the following:

- 11 a. The state's existing programs to identify potential pathways for individuals who
12 have a developmental disability and individuals who have an autism spectrum
13 disorder but do not meet the eligibility criteria for existing programs;
- 14 b. Gap identification with programmatic recommendations identifying potential
15 strategies to address the gaps, and potential federal and state funding sources,
16 including the federal Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment;
- 17 c. Efforts and services offered by other states, including the planning and
18 implementation process for any new or modified programs; ~~and~~
- 19 d. The impact of implementation and expanding of programs to address service
20 gaps, including the number of individuals impacted, cost, and timeline for
21 implementation; and
- 22 e. The elimination of the autism spectrum disorder task force, including contracting
23 with a private, nonprofit entity that does not provide autism spectrum disorder

1 services to facilitate and provide support services to the autism spectrum
2 disorder task force.

3 2. In conducting the study, the legislative management shall contract with a third party.

4 3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
5 with any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the
6 sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

7 — ~~**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general~~
8 ~~fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much of the~~
9 ~~sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of selecting a~~
10 ~~consultant to assist legislative management in the study related to the state's developmental~~
11 ~~services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.~~