Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1269**

Introduced by

Representatives Ista, Cory, Hanson, Heinert, Klemin, M. Ruby, Schneider Senators Braunberger, Larson, Lee, Sickler

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-17-13 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to a mandated intervention program for domestic violence offenders; and to provide a
- 3 penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-17-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

## 12.1-17-13. Mandated treatment of intervention program for domestic violence offenders.

- 1. As used in this section, "intimate partner" means an offender's spouse, former spouse, current dating partner, recent former dating partner, or another individual with whom the offender has a child in common regardless of whether the offender and the individual are or have been married to each other, are or have been in a dating relationship with each other, or resided together at any time.
- 2. The sentence for an offense under section 12.1-17-01, 12.1-17-01.1, 12.1-17-01.2, 12.1-17-02, 12.1-17-03, 12.1-17-04, or 12.1-17-05, 12.1-17-07, 12.1-17-07.1, 12.1-18-02, 12.1-18-03, 12.1-21-05, 12.1-21-06.1, 12.1-31.2-01, 12.1-31.2-02, or 14-07.1-06 against an actor's family or household member, as defined in subsection 4 of section 14-07.1-01 intimate partner, must include an order to complete a domestic violence offender evaluation assessment and treatment intervention program as determined by the court. A court may not order the offender to attend anger management classes or individual counseling unless a domestic violence offender treatment intervention program is not reasonably available to the defendant and the court makes findings for the record explaining why an order to complete a domestic violence offender treatment intervention program would be inappropriate.

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1	3.	If an offender who is ordered to complete a domestic violence offender assessment
2		and intervention program is assessed and determined to be inappropriate for the
3		program by the program provider, a court may find the order to complete a domestic
4		violence offender assessment and intervention program to be satisfied or may order
5		the offender to complete other appropriate programming.