

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2186

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Krebsbach, Mathern

Representatives Gulleason, Hawken, Martinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to early childhood care transition assistance for child care; and to
3 provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 Transition assistance for child care. The state agency shall establish a program of
8 transition assistance to pay a portion of the cost of child care for families that lose eligibility, and
9 remain ineligible, for benefits under section 50-09-29 due to earnings from employment. This
10 program must:

- 11 1. Provide benefits for up to the six months following the loss of benefits under
12 section 50-09-29;
- 13 2. Be paid directly to recipients using a debit card; and
- 14 3. Meet all requirements to be considered "assistance" for purposes of title 45, Code
15 of Federal Regulations, part 260, section 31, or any substantially similar federal
16 regulation that may replace title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, part 260,
17 section 31.

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special
19 funds derived from federal funds and other income from temporary assistance for needy
20 families program, the sum of \$2,897,370, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
21 department of human services for the purpose of implementing section 1 of this Act, for the
22 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

23 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$166,221, or so much

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- 1 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of
- 2 replacing the reduction in child care development fund grants, for the biennium beginning
- 3 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.