

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee 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 and a new section to  
2 chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transition assistance for child  
3 care and early childhood workforce development; to provide for a report to the legislative  
4 council; to provide for legislative council studies; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

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

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

19 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 created and enacted as follows:

21 **Workforce development.** The department may establish a statewide system to build  
22 systematic early childhood workforce voluntary training which may include distance learning  
23 formats, a professional registry, certificates, and specializations.

1           **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
2 **NEEDY FAMILIES.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2007-08 interim,  
3 the temporary assistance for needy families program administered by the department of human  
4 services. The study may include review of the sustainability of current services and programs  
5 being funded by temporary assistance for needy families funds, review of the potential  
6 programs and services that could be funded by use of temporary assistance for needy families  
7 funds, and review of the need for increased assistance to recipients of temporary assistance for  
8 needy families who are attending a postsecondary institution of learning. The legislative  
9 council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to  
10 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.

11           **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND**  
12 **REFERRAL SYSTEM.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2007-08  
13 interim, the state's child care resource and referral system, including consideration of the  
14 purposes and goals of the system and whether the current system is furthering these purposes  
15 and goals and consideration of the most appropriate funding source of the system. The  
16 legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
17 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.

18           **SECTION 5. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN**  
19 **SERVICES.** During the 2007-08 interim, the department of human services shall report to the  
20 legislative council regarding the transition assistance for the child care program implemented  
21 pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

22           **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special  
23 funds derived from federal funds and other income from the temporary assistance for needy  
24 families program the sum of \$1,491,210, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
25 department of human services for the purpose of implementing section 1 of this Act, for the  
26 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

27           **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special  
28 funds derived from federal funds and other income transferred from the temporary assistance  
29 for needy families program the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,  
30 to the department of human services for the purpose of implementing section 2 of this Act, for

1 the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The department may transfer  
2 the funds provided for under this section to the child care development block grant.

3 **SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
4 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$166,221, or so much  
5 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of  
6 replacing the reduction in child care development fund grants, for the biennium beginning  
7 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.