

Introduced by

Representative Price

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the state department of health to contract for an evaluation of
2 the state trauma system; to provide for a legislative council report; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - TRAUMA SYSTEM**
6 **CONSULTATION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

- 7 1. During the 2007-08 interim, the state department of health shall contract with a
8 professional organization to perform an evaluation of the trauma system in the
9 state. In preparing the request for proposal and contract for the evaluation of the
10 trauma system in the state, the department shall request the advice of and receive
11 the consent of an advisory committee consisting of the executive director of the
12 North Dakota emergency medical services association, the executive director of
13 the North Dakota medical association, the president of the North Dakota
14 healthcare association, and the senior policy director of the American heart
15 association, North Dakota, or their designees. The contractor must be a
16 professional organization that is national in scope and which has expertise and
17 experience in evaluating state trauma systems and programs.
- 18 2. The evaluation of the state trauma system must include a comprehensive onsite
19 review by a multidisciplinary team, a critical analysis of the current state trauma
20 system, the state trauma system's interrelationship with the state's emergency
21 management system and with homeland security all-hazard planning and program
22 efforts, and recommendations for improvements and enhancements.
- 23 3. The state department of health shall provide necessary staffing and assistance to
24 the contractor.

1 4. Before July 1, 2008, the state health officer shall report to the legislative council on
2 the contractor's findings and recommendations resulting from the state trauma
3 system evaluation and the state department of health's responses and proposed
4 responses to these recommendations.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special
6 funds the sum of \$75,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the health care
7 trust fund and \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from gifts, grants,
8 donations, and other special fund sources to the state department of health for the purpose of
9 contracting for and assisting with an evaluation of the state trauma system under section 1 of
10 this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.