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of North Dakota

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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2048

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the department of human services for improving behavioral health services and for substance abuse treatment services; ~~to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for teacher and noncertified school staff training~~to provide for reports to the legislative management; and to provide for legislative management studies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT NETWORK. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services to begin to develop a youth mental health assessment network, for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. The department of human services shall develop requirements for a youth mental health assessment network and shall ensure that entities accepting funding as part of the youth mental health assessment network developed under this section report process and outcome measures.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - PILOT PROJECT - DISCHARGE PLANNING PROTOCOLS. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $175,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing a pilot project involving law enforcement, health care providers, and other related organizations in one region to develop planning protocols for discharge or release of individuals with behavioral health issues, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The protocols must include outcome measures. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grantee, the grant award, or payments made under this section.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FTE. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $166,092, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of hiring one full-time equivalent employee to facilitate the behavioral health activities required of the department of human services ~~found in Senate Bill Nos. 2045 and 2046, and sections 1 and 2 of this Act~~, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

~~**SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - TRAINING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing grants to regional education associations for mental health first-aid training for teachers and noncertified school staff, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The department shall establish guidelines to qualify for a grant under this section which must include a matching requirement one dollar of matching funds for every one dollar of grant funds. Schools which do not belong to a regional education association may apply to a regional education association for grant funding, but must supply the required matching funds to the association.~~

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of addressing gaps in the state's substance abuse treatment system, including intervention, detoxification, and recovery services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The department of human services shall ensure recipients of funding under this section collect and report process and outcome measures. Recipients of funding under this section shall implement research-based programs. The department of human services shall require recipients of funding under this section to develop sustainability plans and participate in training and technical assistance. The department of human services shall report to the legislative management on the use of these funds by July 1, 2016.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT NETWORK. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall

consider studying mental health assessment network for adults. The study must identify the populations that may benefit from an adult mental health assessment network, the challenges and any deficiencies that may exist, alternative assessment delivery frameworks, and provide details of how assessment networks may be integrated into the existing mental health delivery system. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying mental health screening and assessment programs for children. If conducted, the study must identify a potential standardized screening process using evidence-based practices to routinely screen all children ages two through four at primary health care sites. The study must also review the feasibility and desirability of implementing a visiting nurses program for children ages zero through five. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUTH AND ADULTS. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying behavioral health needs. The study must include consideration of behavioral health needs of youth and adults and access, availability, and delivery of services. The study must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, social and clinical service providers, education, medical providers, mental health advocacy organizations, emergency medical service providers, juvenile court, tribal government, and state and local agencies and institutions. The study must also include consideration of developing a grant program for mental health first-aid training for teachers and noncertified school staff and monitoring and reviewing the strategies to improve behavioral health services implemented pursuant to legislation enacted by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly and other behavioral health-related recommendations presented to the 2013-14 interim human services committee. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.