

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Keiser, Kretschmar, Oversen

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12.1-17-13 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the requirements of domestic violence offender treatment programs.

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

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

6 **12.1-17-13. Mandated treatment of domestic violence offenders.**

7 1. The sentence for an offense under section 12.1-17-01, 12.1-17-01.1, 12.1-17-02,
8 12.1-17-03, 12.1-17-04, or 12.1-17-05 against an actor's family or household member,
9 as defined in subsection 4 of section 14-07.1-01, must include an order to complete a
10 domestic violence offender treatment program unless the court makes written findings
11 for the record explaining why such an order would be inappropriate.

12 2. A domestic violence offender treatment program is a program offered by an individual
13 or an organization which provides education, counseling, or treatment for offenders
14 and which is aimed at safeguarding victims and changing the behavior of offenders. A
15 domestic violence offender treatment program must:

16 a. Establish an intake process that includes assessment of the offender's history,
17 the appropriateness for treatment, and crisis planning for the victim and offender;

18 b. Offer a comprehensive multi-session treatment curriculum that is provided by at
19 least one facilitator who has completed a domestic violence treatment training
20 program designed to provide education, therapy, and crisis management to stop
21 violent and abusive behavior;

22 c. Develop procedures regarding contact with the victim of the offender in treatment;

23 d. Collaborate with all components of the judicial system which have contact with
24 the offender and the victim; and

- 1 e. Establish an informational exchange process with the judicial system.
- 2 3. To be considered a qualified domestic violence offender treatment program under this
- 3 section, a provider must submit a notarized certificate of compliance to the court.