

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2015**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 corrections and rehabilitation; to provide appropriations to the department of human services for  
3 behavioral health services; to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-44.1 and two new  
4 sections to chapter 54-23.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to management of  
5 inmate population, a community behavioral health plan as a term of parole or an alternative to  
6 incarceration, and prioritization of admission of inmates; to provide for legislative management  
7 studies; and to provide for a report to the budget section.

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

9 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
10 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
11 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
12 other income, to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purpose of defraying  
13 the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, for the biennium beginning  
14 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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17 Adult services	\$205,626,019	\$16,734,336	\$222,360,355
18 Youth services	<u>30,654,707</u>	<u>(171,110)</u>	<u>30,483,597</u>
19 Total all funds	\$236,280,726	\$16,563,226	\$252,843,952
20 Less estimated income	<u>33,236,706</u>	<u>5,527,454</u>	<u>38,764,160</u>
21 Total general fund	\$203,044,020	\$11,035,772	\$214,079,792
22 Full-time equivalent positions	836.29	7.00	843.29

1       **SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE.** The appropriation in section 1 of this Act  
2 includes the sum of \$2,150,275, of which \$2,010,808 is from the general fund, for increases in  
3 employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month.

4       **SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**  
5 **SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
6 items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly for the 2015-17 biennium and the  
7 2017-19 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

8 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
9 Security camera upgrade	\$202,500	\$0
10 Equipment	470,400	167,000
11 Extraordinary repairs	719,267	0
12 Information technology upgrades	150,000	0
13 DOCSTARS maintenance	150,000	0
14 License plate issue	4,900,000	0
15 Electronic medical records system	0	935,907
16 Justice reinvestment initiative	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>
17 Total all funds	\$6,592,167	\$1,602,907
18 Less estimated income	<u>5,126,000</u>	<u>1,602,907</u>
19 Total general fund	\$1,466,167	\$0

20 The 2017-19 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for  
21 the 2019-21 biennium. The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall report to the  
22 appropriations committees of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time  
23 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

24       **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.** There is  
25 appropriated from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, the sum of  
26 \$7,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services  
27 for the purpose of implementing the community behavioral health program, for the biennium  
28 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The department is authorized six full-time  
29 equivalent positions to implement the community behavioral health program.

30       **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT -**  
31 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

- 1        1.    There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not  
2            otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
3            necessary, to the department of human services for the purposes of contracting with a  
4            public or private entity to create, initiate, and facilitate the implementation of a strategic  
5            plan to increase the availability of all types of behavioral health services in all regions  
6            of the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.
- 7        2.    During the 2017-18 interim, the department of human services and the contracting  
8            entity shall make annual reports to the legislative management on the status of the  
9            creation and implementation of this strategic plan, including recommendations  
10           regarding legislation needed for full implementation.

11        **SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

12        **FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$935,907 of one-time  
13        funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an electronic medical records  
14        system.

15        **SECTION 7. MISSOURI RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTER - HOUSING UNIT**

16        **PURCHASE.** The appropriation in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$844,000 for the  
17        purchase of a thirty-six bed housing unit at the Missouri River correctional center.

18        **SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 12-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
19        and enacted as follows:

20        **Management of inmate population.**

- 21        1.    The governing body of a correctional facility, in cooperation with law enforcement,  
22            state's attorneys, and the judiciary in the judicial district in which the correctional  
23            facility is located, shall develop an inmate population plan to prioritize admissions and  
24            inmate retention based on the correctional facility's authorized budget.
- 25        2.    The inmate population plan must take into consideration:
  - 26            a.    The governing body's authorized budget;
  - 27            b.    The inmate's offense;
  - 28            c.    Whether the inmate has been charged, adjudicated, or sentenced;
  - 29            d.    Whether the inmate presents a risk of flight or is a danger to others or self;
  - 30            e.    The inmate's medical needs and mental and behavioral health needs; and
  - 31            f.    Whether the inmate is subject to mandatory incarceration.

- 1       3. The inmate population plan must include alternatives to physical custody of individuals  
2       under charge or conviction of an offense. Potential alternatives to physical custody  
3       include:
- 4       a. Placement in a community setting;
  - 5       b. Work release;
  - 6       c. Home detention;
  - 7       d. Electronic home detention;
  - 8       e. Global positioning system monitoring;
  - 9       f. Medical, psychiatric, and drug and alcohol treatment;
  - 10      g. Employment;
  - 11      h. Pretrial risk assessment; and
  - 12      i. Pretrial supervision.
- 13      4. This section does not apply when there are exigent circumstances that affect a  
14      correctional facility's operations and inmate population, including acts of God and  
15      mass arrests.
- 16      5. The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall provide technical assistance  
17      relating to the implementation of this section to the governing body of a correctional  
18      facility upon request from the governing body.

19       **SECTION 9.** A new section to chapter 54-23.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
20 and enacted as follows:

21       **Community behavioral health program - Reports to legislative management and**  
22 **governor.**

- 23      1. The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall establish and implement a  
24      community behavioral health program to provide comprehensive community-based  
25      services for individuals who have serious behavioral health conditions, as a term and  
26      condition of parole under chapter 12-59, and as a sentencing alternative under section  
27      12.1-32-02.
- 28      2. In developing the program under this section, the department of corrections and  
29      rehabilitation shall collaborate with the department of human services to:
- 30      a. Establish a referral and evaluation process for access to the program.

- 1           b. Establish eligibility criteria that includes consideration of recidivism risk and
- 2           behavioral health condition severity.
- 3           c. Establish discharge criteria and processes, with a goal of establishing a
- 4           seamless transition to postprogram services to decrease recidivism.
- 5           d. Develop program oversight, auditing, and evaluation processes that must
- 6           include:
- 7           (1) Oversight of case management services through the department of human
- 8           services;
- 9           (2) Outcome and provider reporting metrics; and
- 10          (3) Annual reports to the legislative management and the governor on the
- 11          status of the program.
- 12          e. Establish a system through which:
- 13          (1) The department of human services:
- 14             (a) Contracts with and pays behavioral health service providers; and
- 15             (b) Supervises, supports, and monitors referral caseloads and the
- 16             provision of services by contract behavioral health service providers.
- 17          (2) Contract behavioral health service providers accept all eligible referrals,
- 18          provide individualized care delivered through integrated multidisciplinary
- 19          care teams, and continue services on an ongoing basis until discharge
- 20          criteria are met.
- 21          (3) Contract behavioral health service providers receive payments on a
- 22          per-month per-referral basis. The payment schedule must be based on a
- 23          pay-for-performance model that includes consideration of identified
- 24          outcomes and the level of services required.
- 25          (4) Contract behavioral health service providers bill third-parties for services
- 26          and direct payment to the general fund.
- 27          3. The department of human services may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
- 28          program.

29           **SECTION 10.** A new section to chapter 54-23.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
30   created and enacted as follows:

1 **Prioritization of admission of inmates - Report to legislative management.**

2 The department of corrections and rehabilitation may refuse to admit inmates sentenced to  
3 the physical custody of the department when the admission of inmates will exceed the  
4 maximum operational capacity of the penitentiary and its affiliated facilities and result in the  
5 department exceeding its authorized legislative appropriation for contracting for housing  
6 inmates in other correctional facilities. For purposes of this section, maximum operational  
7 capacity of the department means the total number of inmates that may be imprisoned at the  
8 same time in the penitentiary and its affiliated facilities. The department shall develop a prison  
9 population management plan to prioritize admissions based on sentences and the availability of  
10 space in the penitentiary and its affiliated facilities. The department shall report annually to the  
11 legislative management on the prison population management plan and inmate admissions and  
12 the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing.

13 **SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

14 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall  
15 consider continuing its study of alternatives to incarceration, with a focus on the behavioral  
16 health needs of individuals in the criminal justice system. The study must include receipt of  
17 reports on the status, effectiveness, and sustainability of the community behavioral health  
18 program for individuals in the criminal justice system which must include caseload data, any  
19 recognized savings to the department of corrections and rehabilitation, an overview of the  
20 training requirements for contract behavioral health service providers, and recommendations.  
21 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
22 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

23 **SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - TOMPKINS REHABILITATION**

24 **CENTER.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the  
25 operation, management, conditions, caseload, and physical plant of the Tompkins rehabilitation  
26 center at the state hospital. The study must include the potential transition of the Tompkins  
27 rehabilitation center, including the transfer of the building, employees, and supervision and  
28 management of all operations and caseload of the Tompkins rehabilitation center, from the  
29 department of human services and the state hospital to the department of corrections and  
30 rehabilitation. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations,

1 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth  
2 legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 13. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION - YOUTH**

4 **CORRECTIONAL CENTER STUDY - BUDGET SECTION REPORT.** During the 2017-18  
5 interim, the department of corrections and rehabilitation, in consultation with the department of  
6 human services, the protection and advocacy project, and the supreme court, shall study the  
7 potential for increased community-based treatment services for youth offenders, youth  
8 correctional center staffing requirements, and the efficiency and adequacy of the youth  
9 correctional center facilities. The study must consider the potential to raze and replace the  
10 current facilities at the youth correctional center. The department of corrections and  
11 rehabilitation shall report the results of the study to the budget section of the legislative  
12 management by December 31, 2018.