

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2256**

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Hogan, Lee, Mathern

Representatives Meier, J. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's developmental  
2 disability services and autism spectrum disorder waiver and voucher programs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
5 **SERVICES - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WAIVER AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS.**

6 During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall study state and federal laws and  
7 regulations and services relating to the care and treatment of individuals with developmental  
8 disabilities and individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

9 1. The study must include a review of the following:

10 a. The state's existing programs to identify potential pathways for individuals who  
11 have a developmental disability and individuals who have an autism spectrum  
12 disorder but do not meet the eligibility criteria for existing programs;

13 b. Gap identification with programmatic recommendations identifying potential  
14 strategies to address the gaps, and potential federal and state funding sources,  
15 including the federal Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment;

16 c. Efforts and services offered by other states, including the planning and  
17 implementation process for any new or modified programs;

18 d. The impact of implementation and expanding of programs to address service  
19 gaps, including the number of individuals impacted, cost, and timeline for  
20 implementation; and

21 e. The elimination of the autism spectrum disorder task force, including contracting  
22 with a private, nonprofit entity that does not provide autism spectrum disorder  
23 services to facilitate and provide support services to the autism spectrum  
24 disorder task force.

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- 1           2.    In conducting the study, the legislative management shall contract with a third party.
- 2           3.    The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 3                 with any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the
- 4                 sixty-eighth legislative assembly.