

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2243  
(Senators J. Lee, Unruh, Mathern)  
(Representatives Hofstad, J. Nelson, Weisz)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study of behavioral health needs.

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

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.** During the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying behavioral health needs. The study must include consideration of behavioral health needs of youth and adults and the scope of the study must include consideration of 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 legislative council may contract for consulting and coordination of study services to assist the legislative management in conducting the behavioral health study. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.