

SENATE BILL NO. 2409

Introduced by

Senator Krauter

Representative Koppelman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of an alternatives-to-abortion services program; to
3 provide for reports to the legislative council; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an
4 expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Alternatives-to-abortion services program.** Before January 1, 2006, the department
9 of human services shall establish and operate a program to provide alternatives-to-abortion
10 services. The program must be outcome-based with positive outcome-based results. For
11 purposes of this Act, "alternatives-to-abortion services" are those services that promote
12 childbirth instead of abortion by providing information, counseling, and support services that
13 assist pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant to choose childbirth and
14 to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their
15 children.

16 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the
17 department of human services shall make periodic reports to the legislative council regarding
18 the status of the alternatives-to-abortion services program, the first of which must be made by
19 December 1, 2005.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys from special
21 funds derived from federal funds and other income for the temporary assistance for needy
22 families program, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
23 department of human services for the purpose of establishing and operating an
24 alternatives-to-abortion services program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending

1 June 30, 2007. The department shall seek sources of funding for the program through the
2 federal office of faith-based and community initiatives.

3 **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2007, and
4 after that date is ineffective.