

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1044
(Legislative Council)
(Long-Term Care Committee)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Program for services to transition-aged youth at risk - Definition - Rules - Continuing appropriation.

1. The department shall develop, within current appropriations, a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk. The department shall use a wraparound planning process. The department shall adopt rules to establish eligibility, services, and a distinct statewide interagency advisory council on transition-aged youth at risk, with youth and family representation, and with regional subcommittees. For the purposes of this section, transition-aged youth means children and young adults at risk due to:
 - a. Deprivation or other activities resulting in youth being involved with the foster care or juvenile justice system;
 - b. Serious mental illness or serious disabilities that do not qualify the youth for developmental disabilities case management; or
 - c. Suicidal tendencies.
2. Services under the program must include:
 - a. Individualized assessments to determine the needs and appropriate services to individual transition-aged youth at risk;
 - b. Single plan of care to coordinate services among available service systems, emphasizing existing case management resources;
 - c. Independent living skills, including self-advocacy training;
 - d. Enhanced or extended vocational rehabilitation, including transition from education to employment and from secondary education to higher education;
 - e. In-home support, including mentors, individual and family training, and access to respite care; and
 - f. Development of a statewide independent living skills curriculum for youth and families.
3. Services to an individual youth must be appropriate to that individual and need not include all services of the program.

4. The department may accept and receive grants and other sources of funding for the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk. All moneys received by the department as gifts, grants, or donations for the development of a program for services to transition-aged youth at risk under this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the department.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1044.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 3 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 0 Absent 6

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State