

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2268
(Senators Wardner, Nelson)
(Representative N. Johnson)

AN ACT to provide for a regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program; to provide for a report to the legislative management; to provide for a report to the sixty-third legislative assembly; to provide for a legislative management study; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. REGIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CENTERS OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND ACHIEVEMENT PILOT PROGRAM - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. During the 2011-13 biennium, the department of human services may use up to \$200,000 of funding from its legislative appropriation to establish and operate a regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program.

1. The pilot program must provide a matching grant to a qualified applicant that is a nonprofit intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities which is licensed by the department of human services.
2. A qualified applicant shall establish the availability of \$1 of nonstate, cash matching funds for each grant dollar awarded under this section. The source of the matching funds must be funds of the applicant.
3. A qualified applicant shall submit a plan for the funding, development, and delivery of skilled services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder who reside within the applicant's service region. The plan must provide for the establishment of a regional autism spectrum disorder center of early intervention and achievement in a city with a population of more than ten thousand.
4. As a condition of a grant award under this program, a qualified applicant shall agree to collaborate with the department of human services in developing and implementing the plan as well as postaward monitoring by the department of human services.
5. The department of human services shall report to the legislative management before September 30, 2012, on the preliminary findings and recommendations of the pilot program. The department of human services shall provide a written report summarizing the status of the pilot program and any findings and recommendations to the legislative management before December 31, 2012.
6. The department of human services shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-third legislative assembly on the status of the pilot program and any findings and recommendations.

SECTION 2. AUTISM STUDY - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY. During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the current system for the diagnosis of, early treatment of, care for, and education of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. The study must include a review of a sliding fee scale for payment of services and the value of services provided. The study must consider the recommendations of the autism spectrum disorder task force and must seek input from stakeholders in the private and public sectors, including families affected by autism spectrum disorder, insurers, educators, treatment providers, early childhood service providers, caretakers, and nonprofit intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The legislative

management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 1 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2013, and after that date is ineffective.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2268.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 3 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State