

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a program to provide autism spectrum disorder training and
2 support and for the establishment of an autism spectrum disorder registry.

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

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 **Autism spectrum disorder training and support.**

6 The department of public instruction shall provide training and support to general education
7 classroom teachers and other school staff regarding the most effective methods of educating
8 and providing services and support to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 **Autism spectrum disorder registry - Required reporting.**

11 The state department of health shall establish and administer an autism spectrum disorder
12 registry. The registry must include a record of all reported cases of autism spectrum disorder in
13 the state and any other information deemed relevant and appropriate by the department in
14 order to complete epidemiologic surveys of the autism spectrum disorder, enable analysis of the
15 autism spectrum disorder, and provide services to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.
16 A physician, psychologist, or any other licensed provider who is qualified by training to make the
17 diagnosis and who then makes the diagnosis that a child is affected with autism spectrum
18 disorder shall report each new case of this diagnosis to the department in a form and manner
19 prescribed by the state health officer. The report must include the child's birth date, gender, zip
20 code at birth residence, and the specific diagnosis of the child diagnosed as having autism
21 spectrum disorder. The report may not include the name or address of the child. Nothing in this
22 section may be construed to compel a child who has been reported as affected with autism
23 spectrum disorder to submit to medical or health examination or supervision by the department.