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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of the state's health care
2 system; to provide for a health care consortium; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.** During
5 the 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the state's health care
6 system. The study may include consideration of health care facility workforce issues, the state's
7 demographics and issues related to the state's growing aging population, rural health care
8 needs, how to maintain health care quality and affordability while working to curb rising costs,
9 and the impact of the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act. The legislative
10 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
11 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

12 **SECTION 2. HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
13 **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNOR.**

- 14 1. The governor shall appoint the members of the health care consortium, which must
15 include representation from a broad scope of health care industry stakeholders.
- 16 2. During the 2013-14 interim, the health care consortium shall consider how to develop
17 a model health care system for the state which will provide high-quality, accessible,
18 affordable health care to all North Dakotans; which allows for North Dakotans to have
19 access to health care financing and coverage, regardless of medical condition; and
20 which favors local decisions and control. In developing the model health care system,
21 the health care consortium shall:
- 22 a. Consider population shifts, facility needs, personnel needs, rural access,
23 regulatory public health functions, and vulnerable populations.

- 1 b. Determine the scope of the weaknesses in the current health care system and
2 the scope of the model health care system.
- 3 c. Take into account the ongoing impact that federal health care reform under the
4 federal Affordable Care Act is having on state delivery of health care and on state
5 delivery of medicaid.
- 6 d. Work to forge partnerships with federal payers and regulators in order to work
7 toward addressing medical reimbursement system reform.
- 8 3. The department of commerce shall contract with a consultant to assist the health care
9 consortium in developing a model health care system as required under subsection 2.
- 10 4. Before June 1, 2014, the health care consortium shall report to the governor and to
11 the legislative management on the status of the development of the model health care
12 system as well as any recommendations.

13 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
14 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much of the
15 sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of funding the
16 activities of the health care consortium under section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning
17 July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.