

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2243**

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Unruh, Mathern

Representatives Hofstad, J. Nelson, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of behavioral health needs.

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

3 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.** During the
4 2013-14 interim, the legislative management shall study behavioral health needs. The study
5 must include consideration of behavioral health needs of youth and adults and the scope of the
6 study must include consideration of access, availability, and delivery of services. The study
7 must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, social and
8 clinical service providers, education, medical providers, mental health advocacy organizations,
9 emergency medical service providers, juvenile court, tribal government, and state and local
10 agencies and institutions. The legislative council may contract for consulting and coordination of
11 study services to assist the legislative management in conducting the behavioral health study.
12 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
13 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.