

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota  
2 century code, relating to medical assistance coverage for certain behavioral health services; to  
3 provide for the development of an outcomes-based data system for behavioral health services;  
4 to provide an appropriation to the department of human services for substance abuse treatment  
5 services; to provide an appropriation to highway patrol for law enforcement training; and to  
6 provide for a legislative management study.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
9 and enacted as follows:

10 **Behavioral health services - Licensed marriage and family therapists.**

11 The department of human services shall adopt rules entitling licensed professional clinical  
12 counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists to payment for behavioral health  
13 services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the  
14 department determines necessary based on federal laws and regulations.

15 **SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - OUTCOMES-BASED DATA**

16 **SYSTEM - REPORTS TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The department of human services  
17 shall develop an outcomes-based data system for behavioral health services during the  
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The department of human  
19 services shall report periodically to the legislative management during the 2015-16 interim on  
20 the development of the outcomes-based data system.

21 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SUBSTANCE**  
22 **ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES - REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There  
23 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
24 appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the

1 department of human services for the purpose of expanding adult and youth substance abuse  
2 treatment services, including detoxification services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015,  
3 and ending June 30, 2017. The department of human services shall report to the legislative  
4 management on the use of these funds by July 1, 2016.

5 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - HIGHWAY PATROL - TRAINING.** There is appropriated  
6 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum  
7 of \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the highway patrol for the purpose  
8 of providing mental health first aid training for state and local law enforcement personnel, for the  
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

10 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN**  
11 **SERVICES STRUCTURE.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall  
12 consider studying the structure and services of the department of human services. If conducted,  
13 the study must identify core services provided by the department of human services, services  
14 which may be provided by private providers rather than the department of human services, and  
15 whether it is appropriate for the department of human services to provide services it also  
16 regulates. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along  
17 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative  
18 assembly.