

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2367**

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, Marcellais, Rust

Representatives Delmore, Fehr, Larson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the creation of a task force on substance exposed newborns;
2 and to provide for a report to the legislative management.

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

4 **SECTION 1. TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE EXPOSED NEWBORNS - MEMBERSHIP -**
5 **DUTIES - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

6 1. The task force on substance exposed newborns is created for the purpose of
7 researching the impact of substance abuse and neonatal withdrawal syndrome,
8 evaluating effective strategies for treatment and prevention, and providing policy
9 recommendations.

10 2. The task force consists of the following members:

11 a. The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;

12 b. The executive director of the department of human services, or the executive
13 director's designee;

14 c. A member of the senate, appointed by the legislative management;

15 d. A member of the house of representatives, appointed by the legislative
16 management;

17 e. A state's attorney, appointed by the North Dakota association of counties;

18 f. A representative of the North Dakota medical association;

19 g. A representative of an addiction and recovery association, appointed by the
20 attorney general;

21 h. A representative of the North Dakota chapter of the march of dimes;

22 i. A representative of prevent child abuse North Dakota;

23 j. The executive director of the Indian affairs commission, or the executive
24 director's designee;

- 1 k. Three enrolled tribal members representing tribes located in the state, appointed
- 2 by the Indian affairs commission;
- 3 l. A representative of the department of human services with expertise in early
- 4 intervention and Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
- 5 appointed by the executive director of the department of human services;
- 6 m. A representative of law enforcement, appointed by the attorney general;
- 7 n. A representative of the foster care community, appointed by the executive
- 8 director of the department of human services;
- 9 o. A county social services director, appointed by the executive director of the
- 10 department of human services;
- 11 p. A neonatologist, appointed by the North Dakota academy of pediatrics; and
- 12 q. A neonatal intensive care unit nurse, appointed by the state board of nursing.
- 13 3. The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee, shall serve as the chairman
- 14 of the task force. The task force shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may
- 15 be held at the discretion of the chairman.
- 16 4. The task force may request appropriate staff services from the department of human
- 17 services.
- 18 5. The members of the task force who are not state employees or members of the
- 19 legislative assembly are entitled to mileage and expenses as provided by law for state
- 20 officers and employees. Unless otherwise provided in this subsection, the expenses of
- 21 appointed members are to be paid by the department of human services. A state
- 22 employee who is a member of the task force is entitled to receive that employee's
- 23 regular salary and is entitled to mileage and expenses, to be paid by the employing
- 24 agency. The members of the task force who are members of the legislative assembly
- 25 are entitled to compensation from the legislative council for attendance at task force
- 26 meetings at the rate provided for members of the legislative assembly for attendance
- 27 at interim committee meetings and are entitled to reimbursement for expenses
- 28 incurred in attending the meetings in the amounts provided by law for other state
- 29 officers.
- 30 6. The task force shall:

- 1 a. Collect and organize data concerning the nature and extent of neonatal
2 withdrawal syndrome from substance abuse in this state;
- 3 b. Collect and organize data concerning the costs associated with treating
4 expectant mothers and newborns suffering from withdrawal substance abuse;
- 5 c. Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to
6 mothers who abuse drugs or alcohol and newborns who have neonatal
7 withdrawal syndrome and evaluate those programs and services to determine if
8 gaps in programs or ineffective policies exist; and
- 9 d. Evaluate methods to increase public awareness of the dangers associated with
10 substance abuse, particularly to women, expectant mothers, and newborns.
- 11 7. Before July 1, 2016, the task force shall report its findings and recommendations and
12 any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations to the
13 legislative management.