

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Incarceration Issues Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-32 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to presumptive probation; to amend and reenact sections 12-44.1-32,
3 12-54.1-01, 12-59-08, 12.1-17-13, and 12.1-23-05, subsection 2 of section 12.1-32-02,
4 subsections 3 and 6 of section 12.1-32-07, section 19-03.1-22.3, subsection 1 of section
5 19-03.1-22.5, subsections 5 and 7 of section 19-03.1-23, subdivision a of subsection 1 of
6 section 19-03.1-23.1, section 19-03.4-03, subdivision f of subsection 5 of section 39-08-01,
7 section 43-45-06, subsection 17 of section 50-06-05.1, and section 50-09-29 of the North
8 Dakota Century Code, relating to sentence reduction credit, medical paroles, domestic violence
9 offender treatment, grading of theft offenses, credit for time spent in custody, terms and
10 conditions of probation, controlled substances and controlled substance paraphernalia,
11 addiction counseling services, and the supplemental nutrition assistance program; to provide a
12 penalty; to provide for the creation of a pretrial services program pilot project within the
13 department of corrections and rehabilitation; to provide a report to the legislative management;
14 and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.

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

16 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-44.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **12-44.1-32. ~~Performance-based sentence~~ Sentence reduction credit.**

19 ~~The presiding judge of a judicial district in which a correctional facility is located, after~~
20 ~~consultation with the other judges in the district, may authorize the facility administrator to~~
21 ~~provide for~~ An inmate sentenced to a correctional facility under this chapter is eligible to earn
22 sentence reductions based upon performance criteria established through ~~by~~ the administrator
23 ~~except that sentence reductions may not be given to offenders sentenced under section~~
24 ~~12.1-32-09.1, including sentence reduction for good conduct.~~ While incarcerated in a

1 correctional facility, an offender may earn no more than a one-day sentence reduction per six
2 days served.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-54.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **12-54.1-01. ~~Performance-based sentence~~ Sentence reduction.**

6 Except as provided under section 12.1-32-09.1, ~~offenders~~an offender committed to the legal
7 and physical custody of the department of corrections and rehabilitation ~~are~~is eligible to earn
8 sentence reductions based upon performance criteria established through department and
9 penitentiary rules. Performance criteria includes participation in court-ordered or
10 staff-recommended treatment and education programs and good work performance. The
11 department may credit an offender committed to the legal and physical custody of the
12 department who is eligible for sentence reduction five days good time per month for each month
13 of the sentence imposed. The department may ~~not~~ credit an offender with any sentence
14 reduction for time spent in custody ~~prior to~~before ~~sentences~~sentencing and commitment, ~~for time~~
15 ~~under supervised probation, or for any sentence where the incarceration time is six months or~~
16 ~~less~~ to the legal and physical custody of the department. The department may not credit an
17 offender with any sentence reduction for time spent on probation under the supervision and
18 management of the department.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 12-59-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **12-59-08. ~~Emergency~~ Medical paroles.**

22 ~~The~~if an inmate, including an inmate whose sentence is subject to sections 12.1-32-02.1
23 and 12.1-32-09.1, and an inmate sentenced under subsection 1 of section 12.1-32-01, has a
24 serious or terminal medical condition, the parole board may consider whether to grant the
25 inmate may receive an emergency medical parole at a meeting scheduled by the chairman.
26 The board may request the inmate to personally appear before the board before the board
27 makes a decision whether to grant the inmate an emergency parole. The board may grant or
28 deny an emergency parole, or grant a conditional emergency parole, or continue its
29 consideration to another meeting. Two members of the parole board may grant emergency
30 parole, subject to terms and conditions of emergency parole that may be established by the two
31 members of the parole board, or by the department of corrections and rehabilitation with the

1 approval of the parole board. An inmate who receives an emergency medical parole remains
2 under the jurisdiction of the parole board until the expiration of the maximum term or terms of
3 imprisonment for which the inmate was sentenced, less any sentence reduction the inmate has
4 received.

5 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-17-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **12.1-17-13. Mandated treatment of domestic violence offenders.**

8 The sentence for an offense under section 12.1-17-01, 12.1-17-01.1, 12.1-17-02,
9 12.1-17-03, 12.1-17-04, or 12.1-17-05 against an actor's family or household member, as
10 defined in subsection 4 of section 14-07.1-01, must include an order to complete a domestic
11 violence offender evaluation and treatment program as determined by the court. A court may not
12 order the offender to attend anger management classes or individual counseling unless a
13 domestic violence offender treatment program is not reasonably available to the defendant and
14 the court makes findings for the record explaining why an order to complete a domestic violence
15 offender treatment program would be inappropriate.

16 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-23-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **12.1-23-05. Grading of theft offenses.**

- 19 1. Notwithstanding subsection 3, theft under this chapter is a class A felony if the
20 property or services stolen exceed fifty thousand dollars in value.
- 21 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3, theft under this chapter is a class B
22 felony if the property or services stolen exceed ten thousand dollars in value but do
23 not exceed fifty thousand dollars or are acquired or retained by a threat to commit a
24 felony.
- 25 3. Theft under this chapter is a class C felony if:
- 26 a. The property or services stolen exceed ~~one~~two thousand five hundred dollars in
27 value;
- 28 b. The property or services stolen are acquired or retained by threat and (1) are
29 acquired or retained by a public servant by a threat to take or withhold official
30 action, or (2) exceed one hundred dollars in value;

- 1 c. The property or services stolen exceed one hundred dollars in value and are
2 acquired or retained by a public servant in the course of official duties;
- 3 d. The property stolen is a firearm, ammunition, or an explosive or destructive
4 device, ~~or an automobile, aircraft, or other motor-propelled vehicle~~;
- 5 e. The property consists of any government file, record, document, or other
6 government paper stolen from any government office or from any public servant;
- 7 f. The defendant is in the business of buying or selling stolen property and the
8 defendant receives, retains, or disposes of the property in the course of that
9 business;
- 10 g. The property stolen consists of any implement, paper, or other thing uniquely
11 associated with the preparation of any money, stamp, bond, or other document,
12 instrument, or obligation of this state;
- 13 h. The property stolen consists of livestock taken from the premises of the owner;
- 14 i. The property stolen consists of a key or other implement uniquely suited to
15 provide access to property the theft of which would be a felony and it was stolen
16 to gain such access;
- 17 j. The property stolen is a card, plate, or other credit device existing for the purpose
18 of obtaining money, property, labor, or services on credit, or is a debit card,
19 electronic fund transfer card, code, or other means of access to an account for
20 the purposes of initiating electronic fund transfers; or
- 21 k. The property stolen is a prescription drug as defined in section 43-15.3-01.
- 22 4. All other theft under this chapter is a class A misdemeanor, unless the requirements of
23 subsection 5 are met.
- 24 5. Theft under this chapter of property or services of a value not exceeding five hundred
25 dollars is a class B misdemeanor if:
26 a. The theft was not committed by threat;
27 b. The theft was not committed by deception by one who stood in a confidential or
28 fiduciary relationship to the victim of the theft; and
29 c. The defendant was not a public servant or an officer or employee of a financial
30 institution who committed the theft in the course of official duties.

1 The special classification provided in this subsection applies if the offense is classified
2 under this subsection in the charge or if, at sentencing, the required factors are
3 established by a preponderance of the evidence.

4 6. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of section 12.1-06-01, an attempt to commit a theft
5 under this chapter is punishable equally with the completed offense when the actor
6 has completed all of the conduct which the actor believes necessary on the actor's
7 part to complete the theft except receipt of the property.

8 7. For purposes of grading, the amount involved in a theft under this chapter is the
9 highest value by any reasonable standard, regardless of the actor's knowledge of such
10 value, of the property or services which were stolen by the actor, or which the actor
11 believed that the actor was stealing, or which the actor could reasonably have
12 anticipated to have been the property or services involved. Thefts committed pursuant
13 to one scheme or course of conduct, whether from the same person or several
14 persons, may be charged as one offense and the amounts proved to have been stolen
15 may be aggregated in determining the grade of the offense.

16 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 12.1-32-02 of the North Dakota
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 2. Credit against any sentence to a term of imprisonment must be given by the court to a
19 defendant for all time spent in custody as a result of the criminal charge for which the
20 sentence was imposed or as a result of the conduct on which such charge was based.
21 "Time spent in custody" includes time spent in custody in a jail or mental institution for
22 the offense charged, whether that time is spent prior to trial, during trial, pending
23 sentence, or pending appeal. The total amount of credit the defendant is entitled to for
24 time spent in custody and any credit for sentence reduction under section 12-44.1-32
25 or 12-54.1-01 the defendant is entitled to must be stated in the criminal judgment.

26 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota
27 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

28 3. The court shall provide as an explicit condition of every probation that the defendant
29 may not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon while the
30 defendant is on probation. Except when the offense is a misdemeanor offense under
31 section 12.1-17-01, 12.1-17-01.1, 12.1-17-05, or 12.1-17-07.1, or chapter 14-07.1, the

1 court may waive this condition of probation if the defendant has pled guilty to, or has
2 been found guilty of, a misdemeanor or infraction offense, the misdemeanor or
3 infraction is the defendant's first offense, and the court has made a specific finding on
4 the record before imposition of a sentence or a probation that there is good cause to
5 waive the condition. The court may not waive this condition of probation if the court
6 places the defendant under the supervision and management of the department of
7 corrections and rehabilitation. The court shall provide as an explicit condition of
8 probation that the defendant may not willfully defraud a urine test administered as a
9 condition of probation. Unless waived on the record by the court, the court shall also
10 provide as a condition of probation that the defendant undergo various agreed-to
11 community constraints and conditions as intermediate measures of the department of
12 corrections and rehabilitation to avoid revocation, which may include:

- 13 a. Community service;
- 14 b. Day reporting;
- 15 c. Curfew;
- 16 d. Home confinement;
- 17 e. House arrest;
- 18 f. Electronic monitoring;
- 19 g. Residential halfway house;
- 20 h. Intensive supervision program;
- 21 i. Up to five nonsuccessive periods of incarceration during any twelve-month
22 period, each of which may not exceed forty-eight consecutive hours; or
- 23 j. Participation in the twenty-four seven sobriety program; or
- 24 k. One period of incarceration during a period of probation not to exceed thirty
25 consecutive days in lieu of a petition for revocation of probation.

26 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 12.1-32-07 of the North Dakota
27 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 28 6. a. The court, upon notice to the probationer and with good cause, may modify or
29 enlarge the conditions of probation at any time prior to the expiration or
30 termination of the period for which the probation remains conditional.

1 **b.** If the defendant violates a condition of probation at any time before the expiration
2 or termination of the period and the petition for revocation of probation is the first
3 petition for revocation for a violation of a condition of probation in the case and
4 the violation does not include the commission of an offense involving violence, a
5 firearm or dangerous weapon, or the commission of a felony offense, or the
6 defendant was on probation for an offense subject to registration under section
7 12.1-32-15, the court ~~may continue~~shall:

8 (1) Continue the defendant on the existing probation, with or without modifying
9 or enlarging the conditions;

10 (2) Require the defendant to serve up to ninety days of incarceration or the
11 balance of the defendant's sentence, whichever is less, as a condition of
12 probation; or ~~may revoke~~

13 (3) Revoke the probation and impose a sentence not to exceed ninety days of
14 incarceration or the balance of the defendant's sentence, whichever is less.
15 In any other case, the court may revoke the probation and impose any other
16 sentence that was available under section 12.1-32-02 or 12.1-32-09 at the
17 time of initial sentencing or deferment.

18 **c.** In the case of suspended execution of sentence, if the defendant violates a
19 condition of probation at any time before the expiration or termination of the
20 period and the petition for revocation of probation is the first petition for
21 revocation for a violation of a condition of probation in the case and the violation
22 does not include the commission of an offense involving violence, a firearm or
23 dangerous weapon, or the commission of a felony offense, or the defendant was
24 on probation for an offense subject to registration under section 12.1-32-15, the
25 court ~~may revoke~~shall:

26 (1) Continue the defendant on the existing probation, with or without modifying
27 or enlarging the conditions;

28 (2) Require the defendant to serve up to ninety days of incarceration or the
29 balance of the defendant's sentence, whichever is less, as a condition of
30 probation; or

1 (3) Revoke the probation and impose a sentence not to exceed ninety days of
2 incarceration or the balance of the defendant's sentence, whichever is less.
3 In any other case, the court may revoke the probation and cause the
4 defendant to suffer the penalty of the sentence previously imposed upon the
5 defendant.

6 **SECTION 9.** A new section to chapter 12.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Presumptive probation.**

9 The sentencing court shall sentence an individual convicted of a class C felony offense or
10 class A misdemeanor offense to a term of probation at the time of initial sentencing, except for
11 an offense involving domestic violence; an offense in violation of section 12.1-17-07.1, chapter
12 12.1-41, or sections 14-07.1-06 or 14-09-22; an offense involving a firearm or dangerous
13 weapon; or if a mandatory term of incarceration is required by law. The sentencing court may
14 impose a sentence of imprisonment if the sentencing court finds there are aggravating factors
15 present to justify a departure from presumptive probation. The sentencing court shall state the
16 aggravating factors on the record at the time of sentencing. This section does not preclude the
17 sentencing court from deferring imposition of sentence in accordance with subsection 4 of
18 section 12.1-32-02 or sentencing an individual to a term of incarceration with credit for time
19 spent in custody if execution of the sentence is suspended.

20 **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-03.1-22.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **19-03.1-22.3. Ingesting a controlled substance - Venue for violation - Penalty.**

23 A person who intentionally ingests, inhales, or otherwise takes into the body a controlled
24 substance, unless the substance was obtained directly from a practitioner or pursuant to a valid
25 prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional
26 practice, is guilty of a class AB misdemeanor for a first offense and a class A misdemeanor for a
27 second or subsequent offense. The venue for a violation of this section exists in either the
28 jurisdiction in which the controlled substance was ingested, inhaled, or otherwise taken into the
29 body or the jurisdiction in which the controlled substance was detected in the body of the
30 accused.

1 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-22.5 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 1. The use of controlled substance analog includes the ingestion, inhalation, absorption,
4 or any other method of taking the controlled substance analog into the body. An
5 individual who intentionally uses a controlled substance analog is guilty of a class ~~G-~~
6 felony B misdemeanor for a first offense and a class A misdemeanor for a second or
7 subsequent offense, unless the individual obtains the analog directly from a
8 practitioner or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of a practitioner.

9 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 5 and 7 of section 19-03.1-23 of the North
10 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

11 5. A violation of this chapter or a law of another state or the federal government which is
12 equivalent to an offense with respect to the manufacture, delivery, or intent to deliver a
13 controlled substance under this chapter committed while the offender was an adult
14 and which resulted in a plea or finding of guilt must be considered a prior offense
15 under subsections 1, 3, and 4. The prior offense must be alleged in the complaint,
16 information, or indictment. The plea or finding of guilt for the prior offense must have
17 occurred before the date of the commission of the offense or offenses charged in the
18 complaint, information, or indictment.

19 7. a. It is unlawful for any person to willfully, as defined in section 12.1-02-02, possess
20 a controlled substance or a controlled substance analog unless the substance
21 was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a
22 practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or
23 except as otherwise authorized by this chapter, but any person who violates
24 section 12-46-24 or 12-47-21 may not be prosecuted under this subsection.
25 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who violates this
26 subsection is guilty of a class ~~G-felony~~ A misdemeanor. If, at the time of the
27 offense the person is in or on, or within ~~one thousand~~ five hundred feet
28 [300.48152.4 meters] of the real property comprising a public or private
29 elementary or secondary school or a public career and technical education
30 school, the person is guilty of a class B felony, unless the offense involves one
31 ounce [28.35 grams] or less of marijuana. Any person who violates this

1 subsection regarding possession of one ounce [28.35 grams] or less of marijuana
2 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

3 b. If an individual is sentenced to the legal and physical custody of the department
4 of corrections and rehabilitation under this subsection, the department may place
5 the individual in a drug and alcohol treatment program designated by the
6 department. Upon the successful completion of the drug and alcohol treatment
7 program, the department shall release the individual from imprisonment to begin
8 any court-ordered period of probation.

9 c. If the individual is not subject to any court-ordered probation, the court shall order
10 the individual to serve the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment on
11 supervised probation subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the court.

12 d. Probation under this subsection may include placement in another facility,
13 treatment program, or drug court. If an individual is placed in another facility or
14 treatment program upon release from imprisonment, the remainder of the
15 sentence must be considered as time spent in custody.

16 e. An individual incarcerated under this subsection as a result of a second probation
17 revocation is not eligible for release from imprisonment upon the successful
18 completion of treatment.

19 **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 19-03.1-23.1 of the
20 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 a. The offense involved the manufacture, delivery, or possession, with intent to
22 manufacture or deliver a controlled substance in or on, or within ~~one thousand five~~
23 hundred feet [~~300.48~~152.4 meters] of, the real property comprising a child care or
24 preschool facility, public or private elementary or secondary school, public career
25 and technical education school, or a public or private college or university;

26 **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-03.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **19-03.4-03. Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia - Penalty.**

29 1. A person may not use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia to plant,
30 propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce,
31 process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal a controlled

1 substance in violation of chapter 19-03.1. Any person violating this subsection is guilty
2 of a class C felony if the drug paraphernalia is used, or possessed with intent to be
3 used, to manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, or analyze
4 a controlled substance, other than marijuana, classified in schedule I, II, or III of
5 chapter 19-03.1.

6 2. A person may not use or possess with the intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject,
7 ingest, inhale, or otherwise induce into the human body a controlled substance, other
8 than marijuana, classified in schedule I, II, or III of chapter 19-03.1. A person violating
9 this subsection is guilty of a class ~~A~~B misdemeanor. If a person previously has been
10 convicted of an offense under this title, other than an offense related to marijuana, or
11 an equivalent offense from another court in the United States, a violation of this
12 subsection is a class ~~C~~A misdemeanor.

13 3. A person may not use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia to plant,
14 propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce,
15 process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal marijuana in
16 violation of chapter 19-03.1. A person violating this subsection is guilty of a class A
17 misdemeanor.

18 4. A person may not use or possess with the intent to use drug paraphernalia to ingest,
19 inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body marijuana in violation of
20 chapter 19-03.1. A person violating this subsection is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

21 **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision f of subsection 5 of section 39-08-01 of the North
22 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23 f. If the offense is subject to subdivision a or b, a municipal court or district court
24 may not suspend a sentence, but may convert each day of a term of
25 imprisonment to ten hours of community service for an offense subject to
26 paragraph 2 of subdivision a. If the offense is subject to subdivision c, the district
27 court may suspend a sentence, except for sixty days' imprisonment, under
28 subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first
29 undergo and complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment
30 and rehabilitation. If the offense is subject to subdivision d, the district court may
31 suspend a sentence, except for one year's imprisonment, under subsection 3 of

1 section 12.1-32-02 on the condition that the defendant first undergo and
2 complete an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse treatment and
3 rehabilitation. If the defendant is found to be in need of alcohol and substance
4 abuse treatment and rehabilitation, the district court may order the defendant
5 placed under the supervision and management of the department of corrections
6 and rehabilitation and is subject to the conditions of probation under section
7 12.1-32-07. The district court may require the defendant to complete alcohol and
8 substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of the drug
9 court program as a condition of probation in accordance with rules adopted by
10 the supreme court. The district court may terminate probation under this section
11 when the defendant completes the drug treatment program. If the district court
12 finds that a defendant has failed to undergo an evaluation or complete treatment
13 or has violated any condition of probation, the district court shall revoke the
14 defendant's probation and shall sentence the defendant in accordance with this
15 subsection.

16 **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-45-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **43-45-06. Addiction counseling practice - Exemptions.**

- 19 1. ~~Nothing in this~~This chapter may be construed to~~does not~~ prevent any ~~person~~individual
20 from doing work within the standards and ethics of that ~~person's~~individual's profession
21 and calling, ~~provided that~~if the personindividual does not represent to the public, by
22 title or by use of the initials L.A.C., that the ~~person~~individual is engaging in addiction
23 counseling. A licensed clinical psychologist, a doctoral candidate in psychology, a
24 licensed independent clinical social worker, or a licensed professional clinical
25 counselor may provide addiction counseling services, as determined qualified by each
26 respective licensing board in consultation with the board of addiction counseling
27 examiners.
- 28 2. ~~Nothing in this~~This chapter may be construed to~~does not~~ prevent addiction counseling
29 trainees or interns in board-approved programs from engaging in addiction counseling
30 related to training.

1 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 17 of section 50-06-05.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 17. To act as the official agency of the state in the administration of the supplemental
4 nutrition assistance program and to direct and supervise county administration of that
5 program. Provided, however, that the department with the consent of the budget
6 section of the legislative management may terminate the program if the rate of federal
7 financial participation in administrative costs provided under Public Law 93-347 is
8 decreased or limited, or if the state or counties become financially responsible for all or
9 a portion of the coupon bonus payments under the Food Stamp Act. ~~Unless at least~~
10 ~~seven years has elapsed since the most recent felony conviction that has as an~~
11 ~~element the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, the~~The
12 department ~~shall~~may not deny assistance under the supplemental nutrition assistance
13 program to any individual who has been convicted of a felony offense that has as an
14 element the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance as defined in
15 section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act [21 U.S.C. 802(6)].

16 **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-09-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **50-09-29. Requirements for administration of temporary assistance for needy**
19 **families.**

- 20 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, and 4, the department of human services, in
21 its administration of the temporary assistance for needy families program, shall:
- 22 a. Provide assistance to otherwise eligible women in the third trimester of a
23 pregnancy;
 - 24 b. Except as provided in subdivision c, afford eligible households benefits for no
25 more than sixty months;
 - 26 c. Exempt eligible households from the requirements of subdivision b due to mental
27 or physical disability of a parent or child, mental or physical incapacity of a
28 parent, or other hardship including a parent subject to domestic violence as
29 defined in section 14-07.1-01;
 - 30 d. Unless an exemption, exclusion, or disregard is required by law, count income
31 and assets whenever actually available;

- 1 e. Except as provided in subdivision j, and as required to allow the state to receive
- 2 funds from the federal government under title IV-A, provide no benefits to
- 3 noncitizen immigrants who arrive in the United States after August 21, 1996;
- 4 f. Limit eligibility to households with total available assets, not otherwise exempted
- 5 or excluded, of a value established by the department;
- 6 g. Exclude one motor vehicle of any value in determining eligibility;
- 7 h. Require work activities for all household members not specifically exempted by
- 8 the department of human services for reasons such as mental or physical
- 9 disability of a parent or child or mental or physical incapacity of a parent;
- 10 i. Establish goals and take action to prevent and reduce the incidence of
- 11 out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish numerical goals for reducing the
- 12 illegitimacy rate for the state for periods through calendar year 2005;
- 13 j. To the extent required to allow the state to receive funds from the federal
- 14 government under title IV-A, provide benefits to otherwise eligible noncitizens
- 15 who are lawfully present in the United States;
- 16 k. Establish and enforce standards against program fraud and abuse;
- 17 l. Provide employment placement programs;
- 18 m. Exempt from assets and income the savings and proportionate matching funds in
- 19 individual development accounts;
- 20 n. Determine the unemployment rate of adults living in a county that includes Indian
- 21 reservation lands and a significant population of Indian individuals by using
- 22 unemployment data provided by job service North Dakota;
- 23 o. When appropriate, require household members to complete high school;
- 24 p. To the extent required to allow the state to receive funds from the federal
- 25 government under title IV-A, exempt single parents from required work activities;
- 26 q. Provide for sanctions, including termination of assistance to the household, if a
- 27 household member fails to cooperate with work requirements;
- 28 r. Provide for sanctions, including termination of assistance to the household, if a
- 29 household member fails, without good cause, to cooperate with child support
- 30 activities;

- 1 s. Deny assistance with respect to a minor child absent from the household for
2 more than one calendar month, except as specifically provided by the state
3 agency for absences;
- 4 t. Require each household to participate in developing an individual employment
5 plan and provide for sanctions, including termination of assistance to the
6 household, if adult or minor household members age sixteen or older fail to
7 cooperate with the terms of the individual employment plan;
- 8 u. Provide pre-pregnancy family planning services that are to be incorporated into
9 the temporary assistance for needy families program assessment;
- 10 v. Except in cases of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, not increase the
11 assistance amount to recognize the increase in household size when a child is
12 born to a household member who was a recipient of assistance under this
13 chapter during the probable month of the child's conception;
- 14 w. Disregard earned income as an incentive allowance for no more than twelve
15 months; and
- 16 x. Consider, and if determined appropriate, authorize demonstration projects in
17 defined areas which may provide benefits and services that are not identical to
18 benefits and services provided elsewhere; ~~and~~
- 19 ~~y. Unless at least seven years has elapsed since the most recent felony conviction~~
20 ~~that has as an element the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled~~
21 ~~substance, deny assistance to any individual who has been convicted of a felony~~
22 ~~offense that has as an element the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled~~
23 ~~substance as defined in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act~~
24 ~~[21 U.S.C. 802(6)].~~
- 25 2. If the secretary of the United States department of health and human services
26 determines that funds otherwise available for the temporary assistance for needy
27 families program in this state must be reduced or eliminated should the department of
28 human services administer the program in accordance with any provision of
29 subsection 1, the department of human services shall administer the program in a
30 manner that avoids the reduction or loss.

- 1 3. If the department of human services determines, subject to the approval of the
2 legislative management, that there is insufficient worker opportunity, due to increases
3 in the unemployment rate, to participate in work activities, the department may
4 administer the temporary assistance for needy families program in a manner different
5 than provided in subsection 1.
- 6 4. If the department of human services determines, subject to the approval of the
7 legislative management, that administration of the temporary assistance for needy
8 families program, in the manner provided by subsection 1, causes otherwise eligible
9 individuals to become a charge upon the counties under chapter 50-01, the
10 department may administer the program in a manner that avoids that result.
- 11 5. The department of human services may not deny assistance to any individual who has
12 been convicted of a felony offense that has as an element the possession, use, or
13 distribution of a controlled substance as defined in section 102(6) of the Controlled
14 Substance Act [21 U.S.C. 802(6)].

15 **SECTION 19. PRETRIAL SERVICES DIVISION PILOT PROJECT - REPORT TO**

16 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The department of corrections and rehabilitation may establish a
17 pretrial services program as a pilot project in one or more judicial districts during the biennium
18 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The pretrial services pilot project must
19 involve coordination among the department, the judicial branch, the commission on legal
20 counsel for indigents, and state and local law enforcement agencies for the provision of pretrial
21 services by the department for the district courts to individuals charged with felony offenses.
22 Pretrial services include risk assessments, background and criminal history background
23 investigations, recommendations for conditions of pretrial release, monitoring and supervision of
24 individuals on pretrial release for compliance with pretrial conditions to assure the individual's
25 appearance at all court proceedings, and reporting violations of pretrial release conditions to the
26 district court. The department and the judicial branch shall provide a report of the process and
27 outcome measures of the pretrial services program and recommendations, together with any
28 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

29 **SECTION 20. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**

30 **MANAGEMENT - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** Before September 1, 2018, the
31 department of corrections and rehabilitation and the supreme court shall provide a report to the

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- 1 legislative management regarding the progress of the justice reinvestment initiative. The
- 2 department of corrections and rehabilitation and the supreme court shall provide a report on the
- 3 progress of the justice reinvestment initiative to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.