

SENATE BILL NO. 2325

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, Dever

Representatives Meier, Seibel

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-07-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to governor's maintenance of statewide system of early intervention
3 services; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 54-07-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 Shall designate a lead agency to maintain a statewide system of early intervention
8 services for children from birth to age three who are at high risk for developmental
9 delay or disability.

10 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM.**

11 During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the state's
12 early intervention system for children from birth to age three with developmental disabilities. The
13 study may include a historical overview of the system, funding mechanisms, the broader
14 implications of how the state's system interfaces with other early childhood systems,
15 responsibilities for implementing federal law directing school districts to locate and evaluate
16 children from age three through twenty-one with disabilities, opportunities for enhancing
17 developmental screening and surveillance, and state administration of the early intervention
18 program under part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The legislative
19 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation
20 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.