

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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 collaboration between agencies to coordinate 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 collaborate with other agencies to coordinate early
8 intervention services for children from birth to age three who are at high risk for
9 developmental 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, including medicaid,
14 the broader implications of how the state's system interfaces with other early childhood
15 systems, and responsibilities for implementing federal law directing states participating in part C
16 of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to locate and evaluate children from
17 birth to age three. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations,
18 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth
19 legislative assembly.