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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of refugee resettlement in North
2 Dakota.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.**

5 During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying refugee
6 resettlement in the state. The study must include consideration of the impact, if any, of refugees
7 on the wages or working conditions of the local workforce, state and local law enforcement,
8 state and local government services, housing, the provision of medical care, child care,
9 translation and interpreter services, and public education, including the provision of English
10 language training. The study must include examination of the relevant federal and state laws on
11 refugee resettlement, the role state and local government agencies may have in refugee
12 resettlement matters, an overview of the security measures taken by the United States
13 government prior to refugee resettlement, integration outcomes, and the religious, political,
14 economic, and social conditions of refugees' countries of origin, including the prevalence of
15 violence and other forms of oppression against women and children in those countries. The
16 study must include examination of the number of refugees resettled in the state, including the
17 number of refugees resettled by age and gender, the number of refugees resettled who are
18 under eighteen years of age, the number of refugees resettled who are between forty and
19 sixty-five years of age, the number of refugees over sixty-five years of age, the number of
20 refugees who are male, the number of refugees who are female, the number of refugee children
21 enrolled in a public school, the number of refugee children accessing English language learner
22 services, the initial resettlement locations for refugees, and the numbers of refugees resettled
23 with and without family already residing in the United States. The study must include input from
24 stakeholders, including refugee resettlement agencies, law enforcement personnel, social and

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- 1 clinical service providers, educational leaders, medical providers, and representatives of county
- 2 social services agencies, affected municipalities, and the department of human services. The
- 3 legislative management shall reports its findings and recommendations, together with any
- 4 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.