

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1517

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, Adams, Eidson, Hager, Holman

Senator Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact ~~two new sections~~ a new section to chapter 25-04 and a
2 new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~the assessment-~~
3 ~~of~~ program management for residents of the life skills and transition center and regional crisis
4 support services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability; ~~and~~ to amend
5 and reenact ~~sections~~ section 25-04-02.1 and ~~25-16-01~~ subsection 4 of section 50-06-37 of the
6 North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~the licensure~~ accreditation of life skills and transition
7 center ~~by the department of human services~~ and assessment of intellectual or developmental
8 disabilities; and to provide for a report to the legislative management ~~study~~.

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

10 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-04-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **25-04-02.1. Accreditation of life skills and transition center** ~~—Licensure.~~

13 ~~1.~~ 1. The department of human services shall request appropriations and resources sufficient
14 to ensure maintenance of the life skills and transition center's accreditation by the accreditation
15 council on services for people with developmental disabilities and certification by the health care
16 financing administration ~~or~~ and, if deemed necessary, by similar accrediting and certifying
17 organizations and agencies possessing standards applicable to an individual with a
18 developmental disability and disciplines needed to provide quality services to individuals
19 served.

20 ~~2. Upon a showing the life skills and transition center satisfies the requirements of~~
21 ~~licensure, the department of human services shall issue a license as required under~~
22 ~~section 25-16-03.~~

23 ~~SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.~~ Section ~~25-16-01~~ of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

1 ~~— **25-16-01. Definitions.**~~

2 ~~— In this chapter unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:~~

3 ~~— 1. "Department" means the department of human services.~~

4 ~~— 2. "Treatment or care center" means an entity providing services to individuals with~~
5 ~~developmental disabilities and licensed by the department to provide services. The~~
6 ~~term includes the life skills and transition center.~~

7 ~~— **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
8 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

9 ~~— **Assessment of individuals with an intellectual disability.**~~

10 ~~— The department shall establish and implement a standardized assessment tool such as the~~
11 ~~American association on intellectual and developmental disabilities' supports intensity scale to~~
12 ~~assess individuals with an intellectual disability who are served through the department,~~
13 ~~including the life skills and transition center and the state hospital.~~

14 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 25-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
15 and enacted as follows:

16 **Program management for a resident.**

17 The department shall assign a developmental disabilities program manager to each eligible
18 individual who resides at the life skills and transition center. The department shall ensure active
19 program management is maintained for eligible individuals residing at the life skills and
20 transition center.

21 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 50-06-37 of the North Dakota Century
22 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23 4. The department shall contract with a team of support intensity scale assessors by
24 September 1, 2011. The team shall begin assessing immediately the identified client
25 pilot group identified by the consultant contracted in subsection 2. Assessments must
26 be completed for all eligible individuals residing at the life skills and transition center
27 and for eligible individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in long-term
28 care facilities who wish to enter a less restrictive setting.

29 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
30 and enacted as follows:

1 **Regional crisis support services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental**
2 **disability.**

3 The department shall establish regional crisis support services for individuals with an
4 intellectual or developmental disability. ~~Each regional crisis support services local team must~~
5 ~~include at least two individuals with available contracted support.~~ The regional crisis support
6 services teams shall provide timely one-on-one crisis assistance to individuals with an
7 intellectual or developmental disability.

8 **~~SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY--ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS~~**
9 **~~WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.~~** During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative-
10 management shall consider studying the results of the standardized assessment of individuals-
11 with an intellectual disability. The study must consider which services, support, and funding are
12 necessary to allow individuals with an intellectual disability to live in and remain in their
13 community. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
14 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh-
15 legislative assembly.

16 **SECTION 5. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The department of human
17 services shall provide the legislative management a status report on:

- 18 1. The ongoing work of the department to improve community provider capacity,
19 including any barriers encountered; and
- 20 2. The system of services for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability,
21 including a review of the existing service system, funding, and unmet needs.