

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1453**

Introduced by

Representatives Skroch, Buffalo, Sanford, Vigesaa

Senators Heckaman, Hogan, Mathern, Poolman

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of civil commitment laws and
2 procedures.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CIVIL**
5 **COMMITMENT AND INTERVENTION BEFORE VIOLENCE.**

6 1. During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
7 state's civil commitment laws and procedures under chapters 25-03.1 and 25-03.2 and
8 the behavioral health and civil justice systems to determine whether:

9 a. Steps could be taken to prevent and to decrease the incidence of violence
10 committed by persons who are mentally ill, including the temporary removal of
11 firearms; and

12 b. Our behavioral health and civil justice systems could take steps to be more
13 effective in intervening in the early stages of an individual's mental illness to treat
14 the illness and avoid violence and possible contact with law enforcement.

15 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
16 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh
17 legislative assembly.