

Introduced by

Representatives Hager, Hanson, Schneider

Senators Braunberger, Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a food insecurity task force; and to provide for a report to the
3 legislative management.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Food insecurity task force - Report to legislative management.**

- 8 1. The food insecurity task force consists of:
- 9 a. The director of the department, or the director's designee;
- 10 b. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
- 11 c. The commissioner of commerce, or the commissioner's designee;
- 12 d. The director of the Indian affairs commission, or the director's designee;
- 13 e. The agriculture commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- 14 f. Two legislators appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, for a
15 term of two years; and
- 16 g. Two individuals representing a nonprofit entity that provides services to
17 individuals experiencing or vulnerable to experiencing food insecurity, appointed
18 by the director of the department, for a term of two years.
- 19 2. The task force shall elect a presiding officer from the membership. The task force shall
20 meet at the call of the chairman.
- 21 3. The task force shall develop and update a statewide plan for addressing food
22 insecurity. Before July first of each even-numbered year the task force shall submit the
23 report to the legislative management. Topics addressed by the plan may include:
- 24 a. Access to the supplemental nutrition assistance program;

- 1 b. Food education;
- 2 c. Barriers for senior citizens to access food security;
- 3 d. Access to state and federal child nutrition programs;
- 4 e. Access to food assistance through community and faith-based organizations;
- 5 f. Access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food within the
- 6 community;
- 7 g. Identification of communities experiencing food insecurity; and
- 8 h. Increasing economic security for individuals in the state.
- 9 4. The department shall provide the task force with administrative services.
- 10 5. As used in this section, "food insecurity" means the limited or uncertain availability of
- 11 nutritionally adequate and safe food, or limited or uncertain ability to acquire
- 12 acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.