

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1066  
(Human Services Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-06-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the accreditation of the regional human service centers.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-06-05.2. Regional human service centers - Licensure. (Effective through July 31, 2021)**


Human services must be delivered through regional human service centers in the areas designated by the governor's executive order 1978-12 dated October 5, 1978. Services provided by regional human service centers must include those services formerly provided by mental health and retardation service units and area social service centers. The regional human service centers are subject to licensing by the department. The department shall adopt rules and standards for the licensing and operation of the regional human service centers. No human service center may operate without a license issued hereunder. Regional human service centers are authorized to receive federal and other funds available to finance, in whole or in part, the services and operations of the centers.

**Regional human service centers - Licensure. (Effective after July 31, 2021)** Human services must be delivered through regional human service centers in the areas designated by the governor's executive order 1978-12 dated October 5, 1978. The department shall request appropriations and resources sufficient for accreditation and to ensure maintenance of the accreditation for the regional human service centers must be accredited, including associated facilities, by the council on accreditation or by a similar national accrediting body and accepted by the department. The regional human service centers are subject to licensing by the department. The department may use the accreditation as a basis for licensing in lieu of adopted rules for the operation of the regional human service centers. The department shall adopt rules for the operation of the regional human service centers. A human service center may not operate without a license issued in accordance with this section. Regional human service centers are authorized to receive federal and other funds available to finance, in whole or in part, the services and operations of the centers.

  
Speaker of the House

  
President of the Senate

  
Chief Clerk of the House

  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1066.

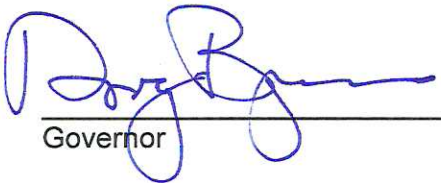
House Vote:      Yeas 93                      Nays 0                      Absent 1

Senate Vote:      Yeas 46                      Nays 0                      Absent 1

  
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 9:38 AM. on March 8, 2021.

Approved at 3:39 PM. on March 8, 2021.

  
Governor

Filed in this office this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021,  
at 8:24 o'clock A. M.

  
Secretary of State