

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2256
(Senators Dever, Hogan, Lee, Mathern)
(Representatives Meier, J. Nelson)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study of the state's developmental disability services and autism spectrum disorder waiver and voucher programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WAIVER AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall study state and federal laws and regulations and services relating to the care and treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

1. The study must include a review of the following:
 - a. The state's existing programs to identify potential pathways for individuals who have a developmental disability and individuals who have an autism spectrum disorder but do not meet the eligibility criteria for existing programs;
 - b. Gap identification with programmatic recommendations identifying potential strategies to address the gaps, and potential federal and state funding sources, including the federal Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment;
 - c. Efforts and services offered by other states, including the planning and implementation process for any new or modified programs;
 - d. The impact of implementation and expanding of programs to address service gaps, including the number of individuals impacted, cost, and timeline for implementation; and
 - e. The elimination of the autism spectrum disorder task force, including contracting with a private, nonprofit entity that does not provide autism spectrum disorder services to facilitate and provide support services to the autism spectrum disorder task force.
2. In conducting the study, the legislative management shall contract with a third party.
3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

B. S. F. A.
President of the Senate

Kevin A. Hegeman
Speaker of the House

Mandi Mogan
Secretary of the Senate

Bruce T. Reist
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2256.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 83 Nays 0 Absent 11

Mandi Mogan
Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at 5:18 P.M. on April 30, 2021.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 3rd day of May, 2021,
at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

Christi Bergeson
Secretary of State