

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2279

Introduced by

Senators Campbell, Laffen, Roers

Representatives Johnston, Lefor, Louser

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 50-09-29 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to mandatory addiction screening for temporary
3 assistance for needy families program individual employment plan participants; to provide for a
4 report to the legislative management; to provide a penalty; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 50-09-29 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

8 Require each individual employment plan participant to undergo an addiction
9 screening to identify whether the participant is at risk for addiction. The
10 department shall establish a screening tool. The department shall provide training
11 on the use of this screening tool to any person contracting to provide individual
12 employment plan services under this subsection. If a contractor identifies an
13 individual employment plan participant as at risk for addiction, that contractor
14 shall refer that participant to appropriate treatment services, which may include a
15 drug test. A contractor may seek assistance from the department to identify
16 appropriate treatment services for a participant identified as at risk for addiction.
17 A participant who fails to comply with the referred treatment services under this
18 subdivision is subject to sanction under this subsection.

19 **SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**

20 **MANAGEMENT.** During the 2017-18 interim, the department of human services, through its
21 third-party contractors, shall collect data regarding whether implementation of section 1 of this
22 Act has an impact on children in households receiving temporary assistance to needy families.
23 Before August 1, 2018, the department shall report to the legislative management on the

1 implementation of section 1 of this Act and any impact implementation has on children in these
2 households.

3 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on April 1, 2018.