

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the establishment of an autism spectrum disorder registry; and  
2 to provide appropriations to the state department of health for an autism spectrum disorder  
3 registry, STEMI registry, stroke registry, and to the department of public instruction for autism  
4 spectrum disorder educational training and support.

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

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 **Autism spectrum disorder registry - Required reporting.**

8 The state department of health shall establish and administer an autism spectrum disorder  
9 registry. The registry must include a record of all reported cases of autism spectrum disorder in  
10 the state and any other information deemed relevant and appropriate by the department in  
11 order to complete epidemiologic surveys of the autism spectrum disorder, enable analysis of the  
12 autism spectrum disorder, and provide services to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder.  
13 A physician, psychologist, or any other licensed provider who is qualified by training to make the  
14 diagnosis and who then makes the diagnosis that a child is affected with autism spectrum  
15 disorder shall report each new case of this diagnosis to the department in a form and manner  
16 prescribed by the state health officer. The report must include the child's birth date, gender, zip  
17 code at birth residence, and the specific diagnosis of the child diagnosed as having autism  
18 spectrum disorder. The report may not include the name or address of the child. Nothing in this  
19 section may be construed to compel a child who has been reported as affected with autism  
20 spectrum disorder to submit to medical or health examination or supervision by the department.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - REGISTRY.** There  
22 is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
23 appropriated, the sum of \$148,132, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state  
24 department of health for the purpose of establishing and administering an autism spectrum

1 disorder registry, STEMI registry, and stroke registry for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013,  
2 and ending June 30, 2015. The state department of health is authorized one full-time equivalent  
3 position for these initiatives.

4       **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - AUTISM**  
5 **SPECTRUM DISORDER EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT.** There is appropriated  
6 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum  
7 of \$198,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public  
8 instruction for the purpose of providing training and support to general education classroom  
9 teachers, other school staff, and parents regarding the most effective methods of educating and  
10 providing services and support to individuals with autism spectrum disorder, for the biennium  
11 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.