

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1427

(Representatives Olson, Rich S. Becker, B. Koppelman, K. Koppelman, Owens, Vetter)
(Senators Holmberg, J. Lee, Luick)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study of refugee resettlement in North Dakota.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT. During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying refugee resettlement in the state. The study must include consideration of the impact, if any, of refugees on the wages or working conditions of the local workforce, state and local law enforcement, state and local government services, housing, the provision of medical care, child care, translation and interpreter services, and public education, including the provision of English language training. The study must include examination of the relevant federal and state laws on refugee resettlement, the role state and local government agencies may have in refugee resettlement matters, an overview of the security measures taken by the United States government prior to refugee resettlement, integration outcomes, and the religious, political, economic, and social conditions of refugees' countries of origin, including the prevalence of violence and other forms of oppression against women and children in those countries. The study must include examination of the number of refugees resettled in the state, including the number of refugees resettled by age and gender, the number of refugees resettled who are under eighteen years of age, the number of refugees resettled who are between forty and sixty-five years of age, the number of refugees over sixty-five years of age, the number of refugees who are male, the number of refugees who are female, the number of refugee children enrolled in a public school, the number of refugee children accessing English language learner services, the initial resettlement locations for refugees, and the numbers of refugees resettled with and without family already residing in the United States. The study must include input from stakeholders, including refugee resettlement agencies, law enforcement personnel, social and clinical service providers, educational leaders, medical providers, and representatives of county social services agencies, affected municipalities, and the department of human services. The legislative management shall reports its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

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-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1427.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 5 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 27 Nays 19 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State