

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to the behavioral health
2 needs of inmates.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF**
5 **INMATES.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
6 behavioral health needs of incarcerated adults. The study must consider the behavioral health
7 needs of incarcerated adults, including access, availability, and delivery of services. The study
8 also must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, social
9 and clinical service providers, educators, medical providers, mental health advocacy
10 organizations, emergency medical service providers, tribal government, state and local
11 agencies and institutions, and family members. The legislative management shall report its
12 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
13 recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.