

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2301

Introduced by

Senators Braunberger, Cleary, Kreun

Representatives Hanson, Mitskog

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of a child care stabilization program.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Child care stabilization program.**

- 7 1. The department shall establish a child care stabilization program to address child care
8 workforce shortages. The department shall remit a monthly payment to each licensed
9 early childhood services provider based on the number of children receiving early
10 childhood services on the premise under the license. The monthly payment is
11 calculated at:
- 12 a. Fifty dollars per number of children from birth to less than three years of age;
13 b. Thirty-five dollars per number of children from three years of age to less than six
14 years of age; and
- 15 c. Twenty-five dollars per number of children from six years of age to less than
16 thirteen years of age.
- 17 2. The department shall provide an additional monthly payment of twenty-five percent of
18 the total monthly payment calculated under subsection 1 to a provider that meets the
19 highest level in a voluntary quality improvement process.
- 20 3. A provider that receives funding under the program shall report annually to the
21 department on how the funding was used to directly address the wages and benefits
22 of child care workers.
- 23 4. Payment under the program must be discontinued if the provider is under a provisional
24 license for longer than three months.