

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1279**

Introduced by

Representatives Fehr, D. Anderson, Bellew, Hofstad, Seibel

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of family caregiver supports and
2 services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2015-16 interim, the
5 legislative management shall consider studying family caregiver supports and services. The
6 study must identify policies, resources, and programs available for family caregivers and
7 encourage additional innovative and creative means to support family caregivers so that they
8 are able to continue to provide in-home support for older adults. The study must include input
9 from stakeholders, including representatives of hospitals, social and clinical providers, advocacy
10 organizations, tribal government, state and local agencies and institutions, and caregivers in
11 this state. The study committee may receive testimony on the needs of family caregivers,
12 including designation of caregivers, training, respite services, medical leave policies, and
13 delegation of tasks to non-medical aides. The study must include an inventory of the resources
14 available to family caregivers and may make any recommendations for administrative actions to
15 support family caregivers. The legislative management may contract for consulting and
16 coordination of study services. The legislative management shall report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18 the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.