

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1106**

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study of issues relating to criminal  
2 defendants who are veterans or who are currently serving in the armed forces.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES**  
5 **RELATING TO DEFENDANTS WHO ARE VETERANS OR SERVING IN ARMED FORCES.**

6 1. The legislative management shall consider studying, during the 2015-16 interim,  
7 issues related to criminal defendants who are veterans or who are currently serving in  
8 the armed forces, including:

- 9 a. Whether additional treatment and sentencing options should be considered if a  
10 defendant is suspected to have posttraumatic stress disorder or other behavioral  
11 health conditions;
- 12 b. Whether the additional treatment and sentencing options should apply to both  
13 misdemeanor and felony offenses and, if applied to misdemeanor offenses, the  
14 impact those additional cases would have on the courts and the department of  
15 corrections and rehabilitation;
- 16 c. The point in the criminal proceeding at which the inquiry regarding the  
17 defendant's behavioral health condition should be made;
- 18 d. What actions are being taken by other states' judicial and criminal justice systems  
19 to address similar issues regarding criminal defendants who are veterans or who  
20 are currently serving in the armed forces; and
- 21 e. What steps the state needs to take to ensure that veterans and other armed  
22 forces personnel with posttraumatic stress disorder or other behavioral health  
23 conditions are best handled in the state's criminal justice system.

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Legislative Assembly

- 1           2.   The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 2                   with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth
- 3                   legislative assembly.