

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the
2 implementation of the recommendations of the Human Services Research Institute's study of
3 North Dakota's behavioral health system.

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2017-18, the Human Services Research Institute conducted a
5 comprehensive study of North Dakota's behavioral health system for the Behavioral Health
6 Division of the Department of Human Services; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a main objective of the study was to provide actionable recommendations for
8 enhancing the comprehensiveness, integration, and cost-effectiveness of the state's behavioral
9 health system to effectively meet the needs of the community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in conducting the study, the Human Services Research Institute conducted
11 focus groups, community listening sessions, and interviews around the state; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in April 2018, the Human Services Research Institute issued its final report
13 detailing its findings from the study; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Human Services Research Institute's behavioral health analysis identified
15 13 categories and 65 specific recommendations to direct future behavioral health public policy
16 and services;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
18 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

19 That the Legislative Management consider studying the implementation of the
20 recommendations of the Human Services Research Institute's study of North Dakota's
21 behavioral health system; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conducting the study, the legislative management
23 receive regular updates on each of the major recommendation areas from the report; identify
24 the availability, access, and delivery of behavioral health services; seek input from stakeholders,
25 including law enforcement, social and clinical service providers, medical providers, mental

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- 1 health advocacy organizations, emergency medical service providers, juvenile court personnel,
- 2 educators, tribal governments, and state and local agencies; and consider options for improving
- 3 access and the availability for behavioral health care; and
- 4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations to
- 6 the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.