

**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.