

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1199
(Representatives Keiser, Glassheim)
(Senators Wardner, O'Connell)

AN ACT to provide for a study of guardianship services for vulnerable adults in the state; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES STUDY. During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall contract with a consultant to study guardianship services for vulnerable adults in the state. The study must include an analysis of the need for guardianship services in the state; the establishment of guardianships; petitioning costs and other costs associated with providing guardianship services; the entities responsible for guardianship costs; and the interaction between the courts, counties, state agencies, and guardianship organizations regarding guardianship services. The consultant shall provide periodic reports to the legislative management. The consultant shall present the final report and recommendations regarding the study to the legislative management before June 1, 2012. The legislative management shall report the findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$64,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of funding guardianship program enhancements, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. This funding is to be considered one-time funding and is not considered to be base funding for the 2013-15 biennium.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1199.

House Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 10 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State