

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1390
(Representatives Hanson, Beltz, Nelson, Weisz)
(Senators Cleary, Hogan, Lee)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a suicide fatality review commission; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 23-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Suicide fatality review commission.

1. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall appoint the members of the suicide fatality review commission and select the presiding officer from the membership. Members serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner may invite a temporary member based on the member's relevant expertise for a particular case. Commission membership may include representatives of the following:
 - a. A mental health practitioner from the public sector;
 - b. A mental health practitioner from the private sector;
 - c. A county coroner;
 - d. A public health epidemiologist;
 - e. The state forensic examiner;
 - f. The forensic pathology department at the university of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences;
 - g. An emergency medical services provider;
 - h. A crisis line;
 - i. A public elementary or secondary school;
 - j. A veterans organization;
 - k. A national suicide prevention organization;
 - l. The faith community;
 - m. Law enforcement; and
 - n. One or more tribal nations in the state.
2. The commission shall review suicide deaths that have occurred in the state with the goal of:
 - a. Identifying the risk factors, protective factors, systems, and services involved in each case;
 - b. Recommending policies, protocols, and other actions to improve community, service, and system responses to individuals at risk of suicide; and

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding the activities of the suicide fatality review commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1390.

House Vote: Yeas 73 Nays 16 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 4 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State