

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2096**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

Representative M. Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services  
2 for regional acute psychiatric treatment and residential supportive housing services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT AND**  
5 **RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES.** There is appropriated out of any moneys  
6 in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$64,000,000, or  
7 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for  
8 the purpose of providing facility and operations grants to improve regional acute psychiatric  
9 treatment services and residential supportive housing, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,  
10 and ending June 30, 2027. The department may use the funds provided in this section for the  
11 purpose of providing behavioral health grants to improve facilities and operations. To be eligible  
12 to receive a grant under this section, a recipient shall increase the number of inpatient  
13 behavioral health beds as determined by the department. The beds must be for the purpose of  
14 providing acute psychiatric treatment or residential supportive housing. The department shall  
15 require an entity receiving a grant to operate the behavioral health facility for at least ten years  
16 and enter into a contract accordingly. Facility locations must be based on options to eliminate or  
17 reduce the number of referrals to the state hospital. The department shall distribute grants to  
18 ensure equal acute psychiatric treatment and residential supportive housing services in each  
19 quadrant of the state.