

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2327
(Senators Clemens, Dever)
(Representatives Dyk, Hoverson)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding parentage and adoption policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - REVIEW OF PARENTAGE AND ADOPTION POLICY. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying, with the assistance of the department of health and human services and the North Dakota commission on uniform state laws, the parentage and adoption practices currently in statute.

1. The study must include:
 - a. Current policies on determining and notifying a biological parent of parentage or a hearing on a petition for adoption;
 - b. The current practices of collection and storage of personal information of parents;
 - c. Best practices for protecting the privacy of individuals involved in the adoption process, including those regarding the adequate storage of personal data, methods of notifying a parent of parentage or of a hearing on a petition for adoption, and collecting and keeping correct contact and personal information from involved individuals;
 - d. The feasibility and desirability of adopting certain language from the 2017 Uniform Parentage Act, particularly those relating to more modern practices with the handling of personal data and the means of notification;
 - e. Any information relevant to the adoption process and its modernization which the department of health and human services may deem important;
 - f. The financial costs associated with the establishment and maintenance of a parentage registry within the state; and
 - g. Any barriers to establishment or maintenance of a parentage registry.
2. The legislative management may seek the assistance of the North Dakota commission on uniform state laws in the development of recommended policies and procedures.
3. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2327.

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

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