

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1049
(Legislative Council)
(Criminal Justice Committee)
(Representatives Stenehjem, Mahoney, Kliniske, R. Kelsch, Bernstein)
(Senator Nalewaja)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 12.1-35-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limits on child testimony.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 12.1-35-04 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12.1-35-04. Limits on interviews and testimony. The prosecuting attorney, the court, and appropriate law enforcement personnel ~~shall~~, to the extent possible, shall protect the victim or witness from the psychological damage of repeated or lengthy ~~interrogation~~ interview, testimony, or discovery proceedings while preserving the rights of the public, the victim, and the person charged with the violation.

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 Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1049.

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State