

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2100

Page 1, line 2, replace "50-25.1-05.3" with "50-25.1-05"

Page 1, line 6, after the comma insert "information available for use in assessments,"

Page 1, line 16, remove the overstrike over "or", remove the overstrike over the overstruck semicolon and insert immediately thereafter "or", and remove the overstrike over "~~an employee of~~"

Page 1, line 17, after "in" insert an underscored comma and remove the overstrike over "~~public or private school or~~"

Page 4, line 15, remove "veterinarian,"

Page 4, line 17, remove "or"

Page 4, line 18, remove "school personnel, schoolbus driver"

Page 5, replace lines 23 through 30 with:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 50-25.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-25.1-05. Assessment.

1. The department, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, immediately shall initiate an assessment, or cause an assessment, of any report of child abuse or neglect including, when appropriate, the assessment of the home or the residence of the child, any school or child care facility attended by the child, and the circumstances surrounding the report of abuse or neglect.
2. If the report alleges a violation of a criminal statute involving sexual or physical abuse, the department and an appropriate law enforcement agency shall coordinate the planning and execution of their investigation efforts to avoid a duplication of factfinding efforts and multiple interviews. The department or the law enforcement agency may refer:
 - a. Refer the case to a children's advocacy center for a forensic interview, forensic medical examination, and other services. ~~The department or appropriate law enforcement agency may interview~~
 - b. Interview, without the consent of a person responsible for the child's welfare, the alleged abused or neglected child and any other child who currently resides or who has resided with the person responsible for the child's welfare or the alleged perpetrator. ~~The department or law enforcement agency may conduct~~

- c. Conduct the interview at a school, child care facility, or any other place where the alleged abused or neglected child or other child is found.
- 3. Except as prohibited under title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, part 2, a regional human service center shall disclose to the department or the department's authorized agent, upon request, the records of a patient or client which are relevant to an assessment of reported child abuse or neglect."

Renumber accordingly