

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Berg

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of an early childhood services advisory board.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Early childhood services advisory board - Membership - Duties.**

- 7 1. The early childhood services advisory board is composed of seven members
8 appointed by the director of the department. The members of the board must
9 include at least four members who represent for-profit early childhood service
10 providers and not more than three members who represent nonprofit early
11 childhood service providers. The term of office is four years expiring on July
12 thirty-first with no more than two terms expiring in any one year. Of the first
13 members appointed, one member must be appointed for a term of one year, two
14 members must be appointed for terms of two years, two members must be
15 appointed for terms of three years, and two members must be appointed for terms
16 of four years. A vacancy occurring other than by reason of the expiration of a term
17 must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that the
18 appointment may be made for only the remainder of the unexpired term. The
19 members are entitled to be paid for mileage and actual expenses incurred in
20 attending meetings and in performance of their official duties in amounts provided
21 by law for other state officers and employees.
22 2. The early childhood services advisory board shall:

- 1 a. Advise the department as the department conducts a review of all early
2 childhood services regulations, a review of which the department shall
3 complete before August 1, 2010;
- 4 b. Upon the completion of the department's review, with the assistance of the
5 department, conduct an analysis of and make recommendations regarding the
6 department's review of the early childhood services regulations; and
- 7 c. On an ongoing basis, make recommendations to the department regarding
8 changes and revisions to the early childhood services regulations. The
9 recommendations, the goal of which is to streamline and improve the quality
10 of early childhood services process, must seek to balance the need for
11 regulations that ensure safe quality child care with the need to revise or
12 eliminate regulations that create unnecessary barriers for early childhood
13 service providers.