

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2053**

Introduced by

Senators D. Larson, Schaible, Poolman

Representatives Nathe, Owens, Schreiber-Beck

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-20-52 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to inspection of law enforcement and correctional facility records and files of a child by  
3 an assistant superintendent.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-20-52 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **27-20-52. Law enforcement and correctional facility records.**

- 8 1. Unless a charge of delinquency is transferred for criminal prosecution under section  
9 27-20-34, the interest of national security requires, or the court otherwise orders in the  
10 interest of the child, the law enforcement and correctional facility records and files of a  
11 child alleged or found to be delinquent, unruly, or deprived are not open to public  
12 inspection; but inspection of these records and files is permitted by:
- 13 a. A juvenile court having the child before it in any proceeding;
  - 14 b. Counsel for a party to the proceeding;
  - 15 c. The officers of public institutions or agencies to whom the child is or may be  
16 committed;
  - 17 d. Law enforcement officers of other jurisdictions when necessary for the discharge  
18 of their official duties;
  - 19 e. A court in which the child is convicted of a criminal offense for the purpose of a  
20 presentence report or other dispositional proceeding, or by officials of correctional  
21 facilities to which the child is detained or committed, or by the parole board, the  
22 governor, or the pardon advisory board, if one has been appointed, in considering  
23 the child's parole or discharge or in exercising supervision over the child;

- 1           f.   The professional staff of the uniform crime victims compensation program when
- 2                necessary for the discharge of its duties pursuant to chapter 54-23.4; and
- 3           g.   A superintendent, assistant superintendent, or principal of the school in which the
- 4                child is currently enrolled or of a school in which the child wishes to enroll.
- 5        2.   Notwithstanding that law enforcement records and files of a child alleged or found to
- 6           be delinquent, unruly, or deprived are not open to public inspection, this section does
- 7           not limit the release of general information that does not identify the identity of the
- 8           child.