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of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

Introduced by

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Senator Lee

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota-~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to child protective services liaisons in school districts;~~ for an Act to create
3 and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a
4 child protective services and school district child safety liaison work group.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

6 ~~—SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created-~~
7 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

8 ~~—Child protective services liaison - Duties - Training - Report.~~

9 ~~—1. As used in this section, "child protective services" means an "authorized agent" or the~~
10 ~~"department" as the terms are defined under section 50-25.1-02.~~

11 ~~—2. A school district may designate at least one child protective services liaison by~~
12 ~~assigning the duties under subsection 3 to an individual hired for the position of child-~~
13 ~~protective services liaison.~~

14 ~~—3. A child protective services liaison shall:~~

15 ~~—a. Act as a point of contact for child protective services;~~

16 ~~—b. Communicate with child protective services on behalf of the school district as~~
17 ~~allowed by law;~~

18 ~~—c. Assist child protective services with a student case investigation as allowed by~~
19 ~~law;~~

- ~~d. Assist with coordinating resources and support services for a student in the care of child protective services;~~
- ~~e. Inform school personnel of a student's needs resulting from the student's involvement with child protective services as necessary; and~~
- ~~f. Annually provide to the school district a report, including:~~
 - ~~(1) The number of cases on which the liaison worked;~~
 - ~~(2) Challenges resulting from collaboration with child protective services; and~~
 - ~~(3) Recommendations for improving the partnership between child protective services and the school district.~~
- ~~4. Child protective services shall provide:~~
 - ~~a. Training to each child protective services liaison, within six months of the liaison's designation, including:~~
 - ~~(1) Identification of signs of child abuse and neglect;~~
 - ~~(2) Procedures for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect;~~
 - ~~(3) Child protective services protocols and procedures;~~
 - ~~(4) Best practices for collaborating with child protective services to support students; and~~
 - ~~(5) Confidentiality and ethical considerations regarding student cases.~~
 - ~~b. Ongoing training and professional development.~~
 - ~~c. Assistance with internal school district investigations that may occur concurrently with child protective service investigations.~~

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Child safety liaison work group.

1. As used in this section, "child protective services" means an "authorized agent" or the "department" as the terms are defined under section 50-25.1-02.
2. A school district and the corresponding human service zone may designate representatives to form a child safety liaison work group.
3. The child safety liaison work group:
 - a. Shall focus on child safety issues, including:

(1) The roles and responsibilities of child protective services and mandatory reporters;

(2) Opportunities for improved relations between the human service zone and school district; and

(3) The coordination of services for children and families.

b. Must be proportional in member size to the need and population served, and have an equal number of representatives from the school district and human service zone.

c. Shall meet at least twice annually.

d. Shall report to the human service zone board, the school board, and the children's cabinet by July thirty-first of each year. The report must include recommendations, proposed solutions, progress, training needs, and identified gaps in service coordination.

4. The human service zone is responsible for coordinating the child safety liaison work group meetings.