

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1398

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Christenson, Jensen, D. Johnson

Senators DeMers, Watne

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 50-25.1-02 and section  
2 50-25.1-05.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child abuse and neglect definitions  
3 and hearing procedures.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 50-25.1-02 of the 1995  
6 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. "Abused child" means an individual under the age of eighteen years who is  
8 suffering, or is at significant and immediate risk of suffering, from serious physical  
9 harm or traumatic abuse caused by other than accidental means by a person  
10 responsible for the child's welfare, or who is suffering from or was subjected to any  
11 act involving that individual in violation of sections 12.1-20-01 through 12.1-20-08.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.1-05.4 of the 1995 Supplement to the  
13 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **50-25.1-05.4. Department to adopt rules for review of complaints, grievances, and**  
15 **assessment findings.** The department shall adopt rules to ~~resolve~~:

16 1. Resolve complaints and conduct ~~appeal hearings~~ grievance meetings requested  
17 by the subject of a report of suspected child abuse, neglect, or death resulting from  
18 abuse or neglect who is aggrieved by the conduct ~~or result~~ of an assessment; and  
19 2. Conduct appeal hearings requested by the subject of a report of suspected child  
20 abuse, neglect, or death resulting from abuse or neglect who is aggrieved by the  
21 result of an assessment.