

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2014

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1023-1025 of the Senate Journal and pages 1120-1122 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2014 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 15, replace "97,445" with "83,757"

Page 1, line 17, replace "all" with "special", after "funds" insert "appropriation", and replace "5,643,444" with "5,629,756"

Page 2, after line 11, insert:

**"SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the department of human services inform eligible organizations that are not currently participating in "refinancing" activities of the benefits and the opportunity to participate in the program for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

**SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION - REPORT TO BUDGET SECTION.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly that because of relatively high administrative expenses as compared to income of some regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees, the Children's Services Coordinating Committee conduct an analysis and develop a plan to reduce, by consolidation, the administrative costs of the regional and tribal committees during the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999. The committee shall present its report and recommendations to the budget section by October 1, 1998."

Page 2, line 26, replace "Regional" with "Children's services coordinating committee - Grants to regional" and replace "18 percent" with "\$1,080,000 (estimated at 18 percent)"

Page 2, line 27, replace "- Administration" with "for administrative costs"

Page 2, line 28, replace "59.5" with "62" and replace "25" with "20"

Page 2, line 31, replace "10" with "7.5"

Page 3, after line 1, insert:

"If less than \$6,000,000 is generated as a result of participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements for the 1997-99 biennium, the children's services coordinating committee shall proportionately reduce the percentage allocations for statewide grants and regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee grants to generate the funds necessary to provide a total of \$1,080,000 for the 1997-99 biennium for grants to regional and tribal committees for administrative costs under this section."

Page 3, remove lines 7 and 8

Page 3, line 9, replace "83.5" with "90"

Page 3, line 10, replace "25" with "20"

Page 3, line 12, replace "14" with "10"

Page 3, line 19, remove the overstrike over the third "~~the~~"

Page 3, line 20, remove the overstrike over "~~superintendent of public instruction~~" and remove "a representative of the North Dakota association of school"

Page 3, line 21, remove "administrators"

Page 3, line 22, remove ", a health district representative appointed by the governor"

Page 3, line 24, remove the overstrike over "~~the director of the department of~~"

Page 3, remove the overstrike over line 25

Page 3, line 26, remove the overstrike over "~~rehabilitation,~~"

Page 3, line 27, remove the overstrike over "~~the director of vocational and technical education,~~"

Page 4, line 27, overstrike "charter", remove "up to twelve ", overstrike "public corporations", remove the overstrike over "~~designate~~" and insert immediately thereafter "up to twelve", and remove the overstrike over "~~organizations~~"

Page 4, line 31, overstrike "corporations or" and after the period insert " The committee shall discontinue the designation of regional and tribal committees if grant funds are not available for distribution to the regional and tribal committees."

Page 5, line 14, remove "temporary"

Page 5, line 21, replace "twenty-five" with "twenty"

Page 5, line 25, replace "five" with "twenty"

Page 5, line 26, replace "that" with ", excluding income received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which"

Page 5, line 27, replace "twenty-two" with "fifty", remove "five hundred", and after "dollars" insert "or twenty percent of annual gross income, whichever is less,"

Renumber accordingly

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

### **DEPARTMENT 324 - CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - The amendment reduces the operating expenses line item by \$13,688 of special funds, \$645 of which relates to removing funds for risk management premiums and \$13,043 to reducing operating expenses to match the 2.5 percent administrative expense limit based on federal funds generated by "refinancing" activities. The same as the House version.

The amendment changes the membership of the Children's Services Coordinating Committee and selected duties and responsibilities of the committee and of regional and tribal committees. Committee members will consist of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, juvenile

court representative, Department of Human Services director, State Health Officer, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation director, Vocational and Technical Education director, and an Indian Affairs Commission representative.

The amendment clarifies that the state Children's Services Coordinating Committee will determine the allocation of the 18 percent of the "refinancing" funds received to the regional and tribal committees for their administrative costs.

The amendment includes sections of legislative intent added by the House regarding informing local eligible organizations of the opportunity to participate in the "refinancing" activities and regarding options for reducing administrative costs of the regional and tribal committees.

The amendment changes the method by which the Children's Services Coordinating Committee distributes its grants as follows:

	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	HOUSE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	CURRENT METHOD
Department of Human Services	10 percent up to a maximum of \$600,000	10 percent up to a maximum of \$600,000	10 percent up to a maximum of \$600,000	10 percent
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Administration	2.5 percent up to a maximum of \$150,000	2.5 percent up to a maximum of \$150,000	2.5 percent	5 percent
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees	N/A	N/A	N/A	70 percent
Participating entities generating federal funds	20 percent	15 percent	25 percent of total	15 percent
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Statewide grants	7.5 percent	7.5 percent	10 percent	
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Grants to regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for administrative costs	\$1,080,000 (estimated at 18 percent)	\$1,080,000 (estimated at 18 percent)	18 percent up to a maximum of \$1,080,000	
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees - Grants to providers	42 percent	47 percent	34.5 percent	

Children's services providers	As approved by the Legislative Assembly or Budget Section based on Children's Services Coordinating Committee or other requests and as distributed by regional and tribal committees	As approved by the Legislative Assembly or Budget Section based on Children's Services Coordinating Committee or other requests and as distributed by regional and tribal committees	As approved by the Legislative Assembly or Budget Section based on Children's Services Coordinating Committee or other requests and as distributed by regional and tribal committees	As allocated from the regional or tribal children's services coordinating committees
Total	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent
Any federal fund reimbursements received by the state in excess of \$6,000,000 during the 1997-99 biennium will be distributed, subject to Emergency Commission approval, as follows:				
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Administration	0 percent	0 percent	2.5 percent	
Participating entities generating federal funds	20 percent	15 percent	25 percent	
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees - Grants	70 percent	75 percent	58.5 percent	
Children's Services Coordinating Committee - Statewide grants	10 percent	10 percent	14 percent	
Total	100 percent	100 percent	100 percent	