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Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the children's
2 services coordinating committee; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide a
3 statement of legislative intent; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-56 of the
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the children's services coordinating committee
5 operating fund.

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
8 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from special funds derived from federal
9 funds and other income to the children's services coordinating committee for the purpose of
10 defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and
11 ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

12 Salaries and wages	\$70,161
13 Operating expenses	57,339
14 Grants	<u>6,622,500</u>
15 Total all funds	\$6,750,000

16 **SECTION 2. GRANTS - BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL.** Of the \$6,622,500
17 appropriated in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, the children's services coordinating
18 committee shall provide grants of \$200,000 to the native American alcohol and drug abuse
19 education program during the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.
20 Any other statewide grants distributed by the committee, unless specifically approved by the
21 legislative assembly, are subject to budget section approval.

22 **SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - EMERGENCY COMMISSION APPROVAL.** All
23 income of the children's services coordinating committee in excess of the estimated income line
24 item appropriated in section 1 of this Act is hereby appropriated to the children's services

1 coordinating committee for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001,
2 and may be spent only upon authorization of the emergency commission.

3 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FUNCTION OF REGIONAL AND TRIBAL**

4 **CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEES.** It is the intent of the legislative
5 assembly that each regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee function as a
6 regional planning committee to monitor and coordinate children's services in each region and
7 that the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees not directly provide
8 services or programs.

9 **SECTION 5. FEDERAL FUND ALLOCATIONS - EMERGENCY COMMISSION**

10 **APPROVAL.** Of the \$7,500,000 of federal funds estimated to be generated as a result of
11 participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the
12 department of human services, the following allocations are made for the biennium beginning
13 July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001:

14 AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	ALLOCATION
15 Department of human services	10 percent
16 Children's services coordinating committee - 17 Administration	1.7 percent
18 Children's services coordinating committee - 19 Grants to regional and tribal children's services 20 coordinating committees for administrative and collaboration costs	20 percent
21 Regional and tribal children's services coordinating 22 committees - Grants, including those to participating 23 entities	62.3 percent, includes 20 percent that is returned to participating entities
24 Children's services coordinating committee - 25 Statewide grants	6 percent

26 If less than \$7,500,000 is generated as a result of participating entities claiming federal
27 administrative cost reimbursements for the 1999-2001 biennium, the children's services
28 coordinating committee shall proportionately reduce the percentage allocations for statewide
29 grants and regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee grants to generate the
30 funds necessary to provide \$127,500 for children's services coordinating committee
31 administration for the 1999-2001 biennium and \$1,500,000 for grants to regional and tribal

1 committees for administrative and collaboration costs for the 1999-2001 biennium under this
2 section. Any federal funds received by the state as a result of participating entities claiming
3 federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services in
4 excess of \$7,500,000 for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, must
5 be distributed, subject to emergency commission approval as follows:

6 AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	ALLOCATION
7 Regional and tribal children's services coordinating 8 committees - Grants, including those to 9 participating entities	100 percent, includes 20 percent that is returned to participating entities

10 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY.** The legislative council shall consider
11 studying, during the 1999-2000 interim, the uses of funds appropriated to the children's
12 services coordinating committee including:

- 13 1. A review of the uses of the funding received by the regional and tribal children's
14 services coordinating committees and the appropriate level of administrative costs
15 for these committees.
- 16 2. A review of the entities involved in generating "refinancing" funds and how the
17 "refinancing" funding returned to them is being used.

18 **SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 54-56 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 created and enacted as follows:

20 **Operating fund balance.** The children's services coordinating committee may not
21 maintain an unobligated operating fund balance, excluding income received during the final
22 thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars or twenty percent of annual
23 income allocated for its administrative costs and statewide grants, whichever is less, at the end
24 of each fiscal year.