Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2384

Introduced by

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Senator Watne

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-25.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to notification of child abuse and neglect assessments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 50-25.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 **50-25.1-05. Assessment.** The department, in accordance with rules adopted by the
- 7 department, immediately shall initiate an assessment, or cause an assessment, of any report of
- 8 child abuse or neglect including, when appropriate, the assessment of the home or the
- 9 residence of the child, any school or child care facility attended by the child, and the
- 10 circumstances surrounding the report of abuse or neglect. If the report alleges a violation of a
- 11 criminal statute involving sexual or physical abuse, the department and an appropriate law
- 12 enforcement agency shall coordinate the planning and execution of their investigation efforts to
- 13 avoid a duplication of factfinding efforts and multiple interviews. The department or appropriate
- 14 law enforcement agency may interview, without the consent of a person responsible for the
- 15 child's welfare, the alleged abused or neglected child and any other child who currently resides
- or who has resided with the person responsible for the child's welfare or the alleged perpetrator.
- 17 The department or law enforcement agency may conduct the interview at a school, child care
- 18 facility, or any other place where the alleged abused or neglected child or other child is found.
- 19 Upon the completion of the assessment, the department, by certified mail, shall notify each
- 20 parent or the guardian of the child that an assessment has been conducted, the outcome of the
- 21 assessment, and any recommendation that resulted from the assessment.