

**SENATE BILL NO. 2297
with House Amendments**

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

Representative Price

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-56-03, 54-56-04, and 54-56-06 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the functions and duties of the children's services
3 coordinating committee; and to repeal section 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to the operating fund balance of the children's services coordinating committee.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-56-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **54-56-03. Functions.**

9 1. The committee may:

10 a. Plan for and coordinate delivery of services to children and adolescents who
11 are abused, neglected, emotionally disturbed, mentally ill, medically disabled,
12 runaways, homeless, deprived, school dropouts, school-age parents,
13 chemical or alcohol abusers, unruly, or delinquent.

14 b. Foster primary prevention ideas and strategies and present those ideas and
15 strategies to regional or tribal children's services coordinating committees.

16 c. Accept funds, services, or other assistance from any source for the purpose
17 of furthering the objectives of the committee.

18 2. The committee shall:

19 a. ~~Distribute funds due to regional or tribal committees within five days of~~
20 ~~receiving the funds.~~

21 b. ~~Distribute~~ distribute its grant funds appropriated or authorized by the
22 legislative assembly to children's services organizations and programs,
23 subject to specific approval by the legislative assembly or the budget section.

24 No funds, grants, gifts, or services of an organization receiving funds

1 distributed by the committee may be used for the purposes of direct provision
2 of contraception services, abortion, or abortion referrals to minors.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-56-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **54-56-04. Charter public corporations - Duties.** The children's services coordinating
6 committee may designate up to twelve organizations to serve as regional and tribal children's
7 services coordinating committees ~~to distribute grants received from the children's services~~
8 ~~coordinating committee.~~ The committee shall prescribe conditions for the creation,
9 continuance, and duration of those designations. ~~The committee shall discontinue the~~
10 ~~designation of regional and tribal committees if grant funds are not available for distribution to~~
11 ~~the regional and tribal committees.~~

12 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-56-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **54-56-06. Regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee -**
15 **Functions.** A regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee, if established, must
16 be composed of community volunteers and must maintain its own records and may accept
17 funds, services, or other assistance from any source for the purpose of furthering the objectives
18 of the committee. ~~To foster and nurture the broadest base of community support and~~
19 ~~participation, at least one third of regional or tribal committee members must be from the~~
20 ~~private sector. A regional or tribal committee shall:~~

21 1. ~~Recruit local organizations to become participating entities to claim federal~~
22 ~~administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services.~~

23 2. ~~Expend administrative funding received from the state children's services~~
24 ~~coordinating committee only for costs associated with salaries and benefits,~~
25 ~~mileage and travel, meals, conferences and workshops, contract services,~~
26 ~~telephone, office supplies, marketing, printing, postage, dues and subscriptions,~~
27 ~~and room rent.~~

28 3. ~~Reimburse a committee member only for expenses that are not reimbursed by the~~
29 ~~organization or entity that the member is representing on the regional or tribal~~
30 ~~committee.~~

- 1 4. ~~Submit all claims received from its participating entities claiming federal~~
2 ~~administrative cost reimbursements to the department of human services within~~
3 ~~ninety days of the end of each calendar quarter.~~
- 4 5. ~~Distribute fifty percent of the federal funds generated as a result of a participating~~
5 ~~entity claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department~~
6 ~~of human services to the participating entity that generated the federal~~
7 ~~administrative cost reimbursement.~~
- 8 6. ~~Distribute funds due to participating entities within twenty days of receiving the~~
9 ~~funds.~~
- 10 A regional or tribal committee may not maintain an unobligated fund balance, excluding income
11 received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars at
12 the end of each fiscal year.

13 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 repealed.