

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1110

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the department of human services with respect to least restrictive care options;"

Page 1, after line 12, insert:

**"SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Placement of children - Least restrictive care.** The department and county social service boards shall thoroughly explore the option of kinship care when a child is unable to return home due to safety concerns. Absent kinship options, the department and county social service boards shall provide permanency options that are in the least restrictive care and near the family's home as required by the federal Adoption and Safe Family Act of 1997 [Pub. L. 105-89; 111 Stat. 2115; 42 U.S.C. 671]. Before January 1, 2006, the department of human services shall issue a request for proposal for the provision of residential treatment services to meet the needs of youth with a history of sexual offenses within the state and explore options of therapeutic foster care for those youth who would benefit from this service level."

Renumber accordingly