

SENATE BILL NO. 2176

Introduced by

Senators G. Lee, Lyson, Murphy

Representatives Damschen, Holman, Pietsch

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-25.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to individuals required to report child abuse and neglect.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-25.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-25.1-03. Persons required and permitted to report - To whom reported.**

- 7 1. Any physician, nurse, dentist, optometrist, dental hygienist, medical examiner or
8 coroner, or any other medical or mental health professional, religious practitioner of
9 the healing arts, schoolteacher or administrator, school counselor, addiction counselor,
10 social worker, child care worker, foster parent, police or law enforcement officer,
11 juvenile court personnel, probation officer, division of juvenile services employee, or
12 member of the clergy having knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect that a child
13 is abused or neglected, or has died as a result of abuse or neglect, shall report the
14 circumstances to the department if the knowledge or suspicion is derived from
15 information received by that person in that person's official or professional capacity. A
16 member of the clergy, however, is not required to report such circumstances if the
17 knowledge or suspicion is derived from information received in the capacity of spiritual
18 adviser.
- 19 2. Any person having reasonable cause to suspect that a child is abused or neglected, or
20 has died as a result of abuse or neglect, may report such circumstances to the
21 department.