

HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

Introduced by

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Senator J. Lee

1 | A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsection 4 of section 27-20-13 and subdivision g of
2 | subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to time for
3 | beneficial transition of a child to or from temporary legal custody; and to amend and reenact
4 | subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
5 | the option of court-ordered rehabilitative programming for the parents, guardian, or other
6 | custodian of a deprived child.

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

8 | **SECTION 1.** Subsection 4 to section 27-20-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
9 | and enacted as follows:

10 | 4. Unless a child is in immediate danger, a court order transferring a child into custody
11 | shall provide a reasonable period of time to facilitate a beneficial transition for the child
12 | and other parties involved.

13 | **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North
14 | Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 | d. Require the parents, guardian, or other custodian to participate in
16 | treatmentrehabilitative programming and to release related assessments and
17 | progress reports to the entity that has been granted legal custody as identified in
18 | this section. Failure to provide corresponding assessments and reports or failure
19 | to regularly visit the child without good cause constitutes a lack of compliance.

20 | **SECTION 3.** Subdivision g of subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North Dakota Century
21 | Code is created and enacted as follows:

22 | g. Without a compelling reason to the contrary, a court order that transfers the child
23 | from the current protective placement to a parent or other biological family shall

- 1 provide a reasonable period of time to facilitate a beneficial transition for the child
- 2 and other parties involved.