

Introduced by

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Senator Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-09-22 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to requiring evaluations for individuals convicted of child abuse; and to provide a  
3 penalty.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-09-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **14-09-22. Abuse of child - Penalty.**

- 8 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 or 3, a parent, adult family or household member,  
9 guardian, or other custodian of any child, who willfully inflicts or allows to be inflicted  
10 upon the child mental injury or bodily injury, substantial bodily injury, or serious bodily  
11 injury as defined by section 12.1-01-04 is guilty of a class C felony except if the victim  
12 of an offense under this section is under the age of six years in which case the offense  
13 is a class B felony.
- 14 2. A person who provides care, supervision, education, or guidance for a child  
15 unaccompanied by the child's parent, adult family or household member, guardian, or  
16 custodian in exchange for money, goods, or other services and who while providing  
17 such services commits an offense under this section is guilty of a class B felony. Any  
18 such person that commits, allows to be committed, or conspires to commit, against the  
19 child, a sex offense as defined in chapter 12.1-20 is subject to the penalties provided  
20 in that chapter.
- 21 3. A person that commits an offense under this section is guilty of a class B felony if the  
22 victim suffers permanent loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or  
23 organ, except if the victim of the offense is under the age of six years in which case  
24 the offense is a class A felony.

- 1       4. For any person who pleads guilty or is convicted of an offense under this section, the
- 2       court shall include in the sentence an order for the person to complete a parental
- 3       capacity evaluation, mental health evaluation, and anger management assessment,
- 4       and to complete all treatment recommended as a result of those evaluations.