

**SENATE BILL NO. 2159**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to membership of the children's cabinet.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-06-43.1. Children's cabinet - Membership - Duties.**

- 7 1. The children's cabinet is created to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children  
8 across the state's branches of government and the tribal nations.
- 9 2. The children's cabinet consists of the following members:
- 10 a. The governor, or the governor's designee;
- 11 b. The chief justice of the supreme court, or the chief justice's designee;
- 12 c. ~~The speaker of the house of representatives, or the speaker's designee~~chairman  
13 of the legislative management, or a member of the legislative assembly  
14 appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, who shall serve as the  
15 presiding officer of the cabinet;
- 16 d. ~~The president pro tempore of the senate, or the president pro tempore's~~  
17 ~~designee~~A member of the house of representatives and a member of the senate,  
18 one of whom serves as a member of the education standing committee and one  
19 of whom serves as a member of the human services standing committee, who  
20 are appointed by the chairman of the legislative management;
- 21 e. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
- 22 f. The director of the committee on protection and advocacy, or the director's  
23 designee;

- 1           g. A representative of the tribal nations in the state, who is appointed by the  
2           governor; and
- 3           h. Four individuals representing parents, private service providers, or other  
4           community interests, who are appointed by the governor to serve a term of two  
5           years, at the pleasure of the governor, and who are entitled to reimbursement  
6           from the department for travel and lodging at the same rate as provided for state  
7           officers and employees.
- 8           3. ~~The chairman of legislative management, or a member of the legislative assembly~~  
9           ~~appointed by the chairman of the legislative management shall serve as the presiding~~  
10          ~~officer of the cabinet.~~ The cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings  
11          may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- 12          4. The children's cabinet shall:
- 13           a. Coordinate broad-based leadership across programs, agencies, branches of  
14           government, and tribal nations to meet the needs of children;
- 15           b. Develop strategies to address gaps or needs regarding early care and education,  
16           medical and behavioral health, community, child welfare, and juvenile justice;
- 17           c. Develop strategies to provide for the full continuum of care in the delivery of  
18           services, including promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention,  
19           service delivery, and recovery;
- 20           d. Seek to engage cooperation across public and private service providers;
- 21           e. Provide a comprehensive vision for how and where children are best served,  
22           attending to children in a respectful and relevant manner;
- 23           f. Seek strategies to provide services to children without consideration of prior  
24           engagement with juvenile services;
- 25           g. Provide for the active participation of consumers and providers statewide on  
26           advisory committees; and
- 27           h. Receive information and recommendations from the department of health and  
28           human services, department of corrections and rehabilitation, and other state  
29           agencies.
- 30          5. The department shall provide the children's cabinet with staffing and administrative  
31          services.