PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2051

Page 9, line 30, after the second comma insert "or a"

Page 9, line 30, overstrike the third comma and insert immediately thereafter "of a children's advocacy center and"

Page 10, line 1, overstrike the first comma

Page 10, after line 2, insert:

"3. As used in this section, "board member" means an individual serving on the board of a children's advocacy center.

Renumber accordingly

50-12-03. Requirements for licensure and employment - Term - Moral or religious conviction not bar to licensure or employment.

The department of health and human services shall issue licenses for the conduct of child-placing agencies upon application. A child-placing agency shall require a criminal history record investigation on the owner and each employee, volunteer, or student for field placement of a child-placing agency who has direct contact with families, with children, or with both. The department of health and human services shall consider any criminal history record information available about the owner at the time a licensing decision is made and about an employee prior to the owner or the employee having direct contact with families, with children, or with both. Licenses must be granted for a period not exceeding two years. Licenses must be issued to reputable and responsible applicants upon a showing that they, and their agents, are equipped properly by training and experience to find and select suitable temporary or permanent homes for children and to supervise the homes when children are placed in them, to the end that the health, morality, and general well-being of children placed by them will be properly safeguarded. The department of health and human services may not deny a license because of the applicant's objection to performing, assisting, counseling, recommending, facilitating, referring, or participating in a placement that violates the applicant's written religious or moral convictions or policies.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 50-25.1-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-25.1-11.1. Children's advocacy centers - Confidentiality of records - Criminal history record checks.

1. Records and digital media in the possession of a children's advocacy center relating to a forensic medical examination, forensic interview, or therapy are confidential and may be released only to a person other than a law enforcement agency, the department or the department's authorized agent, or a medical or mental health professional when the child comes before the medical or mental health professional in that person's professional capacity, upon service of a subpoena signed by a judge.
2. The department may submit a request for a criminal history record check under section 12-60-24 on a board member, an employee, final applicant for employment of a children's advocacy center

contractor, ~~multidisciplinary team member,~~ or volunteer of a children's advocacy center who has contact with a child at or through a children's advocacy center.

3. As used in this section . . .