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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

Introduced by

Representatives Kiefert, Dobervich, Frelich, Karls, McLeod, Mitskog, S. Olson

Senator Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to child protective services liaisons in school districts.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Child protective services liaison - Duties - Training - Report.**

7 1. As used in this section, "child protective services" means an "authorized agent" or the
8 "department" as the terms are defined under section 50-25.1-02.

9 2. A school district may designate at least one child protective services liaison by
10 assigning the duties under subsection 3 to:

11 ~~a. A faculty member, including a counselor, social worker, or administrator; or~~

12 ~~b. An an individual hired for the position of child protective services liaison.~~

13 3. A child protective services liaison shall:

14 a. Act as the primarya point of contact for child protective services;

15 b. Communicate with child protective services on behalf of the school district as
16 allowed by law;

17 c. Assist child protective services with a student case investigation as allowed by
18 law;

19 d. ~~Coordinate~~Assist with coordinating resources and support services for a student
20 in the care of child protective services;

- 1 e. Inform school personnel of a student's needs resulting from the student's
2 involvement with child protective services as necessary; and
- 3 f. Annually provide to the school district a report, including:
4 (1) The number of cases on which the liaison worked;
5 (2) Challenges resulting from collaboration with child protective services; and
6 (3) Recommendations for improving the partnership between child protective
7 services and the school district.
- 8 4. Child protective services shall provide:
- 9 a. Training to each child protective services liaison, within six months of the liaison's
10 designation, including:
11 (1) Identification of signs of child abuse and neglect;
12 (2) Procedures for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect;
13 (3) Child protective services protocols and procedures;
14 (4) Best practices for collaborating with child protective services to support
15 students; and
16 (5) Confidentiality and ethical considerations regarding student cases.
- 17 b. Ongoing training and professional development.
- 18 c. Assistance with internal school district investigations that may occur concurrently
19 with child protective service investigations.