

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

### ENGROSSED 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.~~for an Act to create  
3 and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a  
4 child protective services and school district child safety liaison work group.

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

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

8 ~~— **Child protective services liaison - Duties - Training - Report.**~~

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

11 ~~— 2. A school district may designate at least one child protective services liaison by~~  
12 ~~assigning the duties under subsection 3 to an individual hired for the position of child~~  
13 ~~protective services liaison.~~

14 ~~— 3. A child protective services liaison shall:~~

15 ~~— a. Act as a point of contact for child protective services;~~

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

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

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

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

24 **Child safety liaison work group.**

- 25 1. As used in this section, "child protective services" means an "authorized agent" or the  
26 "department" as the terms are defined under section 50-25.1-02.  
27 2. A school district and the corresponding human service zone may designate  
28 representatives to form a child safety liaison work group.  
29 3. The child safety liaison work group:  
30 a. Shall focus on child safety issues, including:

- 1                   (1) The roles and responsibilities of child protective services and mandatory  
2                   reporters;
- 3                   (2) Opportunities for improved relations between the human service zone and  
4                   school district; and
- 5                   (3) The coordination of services for children and families.
- 6                   b. Must be proportional in member size to the need and population served, and  
7                   have an equal number of representatives from the school district and human  
8                   service zone.
- 9                   c. Shall meet at least twice annually.
- 10                  d. Shall report to the human service zone board, the school board, and the  
11                  children's cabinet by July thirty-first of each year. The report must include  
12                  recommendations, proposed solutions, progress, training needs, and identified  
13                  gaps in service coordination.
- 14                  4. The human service zone is responsible for coordinating the child safety liaison work  
15                  group meetings.