

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2352
(Senators Dever, Hogan, Magrum, Mathern)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-23.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorization for children of inmates to reside at the Heart River correctional center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new subsection to section 54-23.3-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

To employ personnel and establish policies and procedures to authorize a child of a female inmate to reside at the Heart River correctional center under the care and general control of the female inmate if the child is eighteen months of age or younger. The policies must include considerations of the residential safety of the child, the length of time the child may reside within the facility, and treatment or other penological interest.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2352.

Senate Vote: Yeas 28 Nays 18 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 48 Nays 42 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State