

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1047**

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 29-22 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to juror counseling.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 29-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Juror counseling following graphic evidence or testimony.**

- 7 1. The court shall offer, not more than ten hours of post-trial psychological counseling,  
8 without charge, to a juror or alternate juror who served on a trial jury in a trial involving  
9 extraordinarily graphic, gruesome, or emotional evidence or testimony.
- 10 2. The counseling offered under subsection 1 applies only to a juror or alternate juror  
11 who served on a trial jury for a trial involving the following offenses:
- 12 a. Murder under section 12.1-16-01;
  - 13 b. Manslaughter under section 12.1-16-02;
  - 14 c. Negligent homicide under section 12.1-16-03;
  - 15 d. Felony-level assault or domestic violence under chapter 12.1-17;
  - 16 e. A sexual offense under chapter 12.1-20 or 12.1-27.2;
  - 17 f. Abuse or neglect of a child under sections 14-09-22 and 14-09-22.1; and
  - 18 g. Others as determined by the court.
- 19 3. The counseling offered under this section:
- 20 a. Must occur not later than one hundred eighty days after the jury is discharged;
  - 21 b. May be provided by the court system, by a state agency, or by contract; and
  - 22 c. May be individual or group counseling.