

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1047
(Judiciary Committee)
(At the request of the Supreme Court)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 29-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to juror counseling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Juror counseling following graphic evidence or testimony.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1047.

House Vote: Yeas 80 Nays 11 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 32 Nays 13 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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