

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 individual hired for the position of child protective services liaison; or  
13 c. A county social worker by entering a contract with the county.
- 14 3. A child protective services liaison shall:
- 15 a. Act as the primary point of contact for child protective services;  
16 b. Communicate with child protective services on behalf of the school district;  
17 c. Assist child protective services with a student case investigation;  
18 d. Coordinate resources and support services for a student in the care of child  
19 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. Determine whether a child meets the definition of an abused or neglected child  
4           under section 50-25.1-02; and

5           g. 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.