

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1014
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the children's services coordinating committee; to provide for a report to the legislative council; to amend and reenact sections 54-56-06 and 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to funds of the children's services coordinating committee; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from federal funds and other income to the children's services coordinating committee for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the children's services coordinating committee, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$66,302
Operating expenses	73,398
Grants	<u>2,374,900</u>
Total special funds	\$2,514,600

SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL INCOME - EMERGENCY COMMISSION APPROVAL. All income of the children's services coordinating committee in excess of the amount appropriated in section 1 of this Act is appropriated to the children's services coordinating committee, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, and may be spent only upon authorization of the emergency commission.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FUNCTION OF REGIONAL AND TRIBAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEES. It is the intent of the fifty-eighth legislative assembly that each regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee function as a regional planning committee to monitor and coordinate children's services in each region and that the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees not directly provide services or programs.

SECTION 4. REFINANCING FUND ALLOCATIONS. Of the federal funds estimated to be generated as a result of participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services, the following allocations are made for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005:

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	ALLOCATION
Department of human services	10 percent
Children's services coordinating committee - Administration	5 percent
Children's services coordinating committee - Grants to regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for administrative costs and collaboration efforts	35 percent
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees - Grants to participating entities	50 percent

SECTION 5. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. The children's services coordinating committee shall report to an interim committee designated by the legislative council at least twice

during the 2003-04 interim on the amount of "refinancing" funds generated and the uses of the funds for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-56-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-56-06. Regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee - Functions. A regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee, if established, must be composed of community volunteers and must maintain its own records. To foster and nurture the broadest base of community support and participation, at least one-third of regional or tribal committee members must be from the private sector. A regional or tribal committee shall:

1. Recruit local organizations to become participating entities to claim federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services.
2. Expend administrative funding received from the state children's services coordinating committee only for costs associated with salaries and benefits, mileage and travel, meals, conferences and workshops, contract services, telephone, office supplies, marketing, printing, postage, dues and subscriptions, and room rent.
3. Reimburse a committee member only for expenses that are not reimbursed by the organization or entity that the member is representing on the regional or tribal committee.
4. Submit all claims received from its participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements to the department of human services within ninety days of the end of each calendar quarter.
5. Distribute ~~twenty~~ fifty percent of the federal funds generated as a result of a participating entity claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services to the participating entity that generated the federal administrative cost reimbursement.
6. Distribute funds due to participating entities within twenty days of receiving the funds.

A regional or tribal committee may not maintain an unobligated fund balance, excluding income received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars ~~or twenty percent of annual gross income, whichever is less,~~ at the end of each fiscal year.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-56-07. Operating fund balance. The children's services coordinating committee may not maintain an unobligated operating fund balance, excluding income received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars ~~or twenty percent of annual income allocated for its administrative costs and statewide grants, whichever is less,~~ at the end of each fiscal year.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. Section 6 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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 Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1014 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 3

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State