

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

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

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

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

11 Salaries and wages	\$66,405
12 Operating expenses	73,295
13 Grants	<u>2,374,900</u>
14 Total special funds	\$2,514,600

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

20 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FUNCTION OF REGIONAL AND TRIBAL**
21 **CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEES.** It is the intent of the fifty-eighth
22 legislative assembly that each regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee
23 function as a regional planning committee to monitor and coordinate children's services in each

1 region and that the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees not directly
2 provide services or programs.

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

7 AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	ALLOCATION
8 Department of human services	10 percent
9 Children's services coordinating committee - Administration	5 percent
10 Children's services coordinating committee - 11 Grants to regional and tribal children's services 12 coordinating committees for administrative costs and 13 collaboration efforts	35 percent
14 Regional and tribal children's services coordinating 15 committees - Grants to participating entities	50 percent

16 **SECTION 5. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** The children's services
17 coordinating committee shall report to an interim committee designated by the legislative
18 council at least twice during the 2003-04 interim on the amount of "refinancing" funds
19 generated and the uses of the funds for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
20 June 30, 2005.

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

23 **54-56-06. Regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee -**

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

- 29 1. Recruit local organizations to become participating entities to claim federal
30 administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services.

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

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

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

23 **54-56-07. Operating fund balance.** The children's services coordinating committee
24 may not maintain an unobligated operating fund balance, excluding income received during the
25 final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars ~~or twenty percent of~~
26 ~~annual income allocated for its administrative costs and statewide grants, whichever is less,~~ at
27 the end of each fiscal year.

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