

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1472**

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Berg, Hofstad, Wieland

Senators Flakoll, Horne

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of an early childhood services advisory board.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Early childhood services advisory board - Membership - Duties.**

- 7 1. The early childhood services advisory board is composed of seven members  
8 appointed by the director of the department. The members of the board must  
9 include at least four members who represent for-profit early childhood service  
10 providers and not more than three members who represent nonprofit early  
11 childhood service providers. The term of office is four years expiring on July  
12 thirty-first with no more than two terms expiring in any one year. Of the first  
13 members appointed, one member must be appointed for a term of one year, two  
14 members must be appointed for terms of two years, two members must be  
15 appointed for terms of three years, and two members must be appointed for terms  
16 of four years. A vacancy occurring other than by reason of the expiration of a term  
17 must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that the  
18 appointment may be made for only the remainder of the unexpired term. The  
19 members are entitled to be paid for mileage and expenses incurred in attending  
20 meetings and in performance of their official duties in amounts provided by law for  
21 other state officers and employees.
- 22 2. The early childhood services advisory board shall:

- 1           a. Advise the department as the department conducts a review of all early  
2           childhood services rules, a review of which the department shall complete  
3           before August 1, 2010;
- 4           b. Upon the completion of the department's review, with the assistance of the  
5           department, conduct an analysis of and make recommendations to the  
6           department regarding the department's review of the early childhood services  
7           rules, however, final approval of any administrative rule changes must be  
8           completed through the administrative rulemaking process set forth in chapter  
9           28-32; and
- 10          c. On an ongoing basis, make recommendations to the department regarding  
11          changes and revisions to the early childhood services rules. The  
12          recommendations, the goal of which is to streamline and improve the quality  
13          of the early childhood services process, must seek to balance the need for  
14          rules that ensure safe quality child care with the need to revise or eliminate  
15          rules that create unnecessary barriers for early childhood service providers.
- 16          3. To accommodate the process set forth in subdivisions a and b of subsection 2 ,  
17          any rules the department adopts in response to legislation enacted in 2009 are  
18          exempt from the deadline for rules to implement statutory changes set forth in  
19          section 28-32-07, however, those rules must be in effect before January 1, 2011.