

HOUSE BILL NO. 1070

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 27-20-49 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the payment of witness fees, mileage, and travel expenses in juvenile
3 court.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 27-20-49 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 2. The commission on legal counsel for indigents shall pay reasonable compensation for
8 services and related expenses of counsel provided at public expense for a party and
9 the supreme court shall pay reasonable compensation for a guardian ad litem. The
10 attorney general shall pay the witness fees, mileage, and travel expense of witnesses
11 incurred in the proceedings under this chapter in the amount and at the rate provided
12 for in section 31-01-16, except the commission on legal counsel for indigents shall pay
13 the witness fees, mileage, and travel expenses of witnesses subpoenaed by counsel
14 employed by or contracted with the commission for proceedings under this chapter in
15 the amount and at the rate provided for in section 31-01-16. Expenses of the state
16 include the cost of any necessary transportation for medical and other examinations
17 and treatment of a child ordered by the court if the child is in the legal custody of a
18 state agency in which case the cost must be reimbursed to the county by that state
19 agency at the state mileage rate, excluding meals and lodging, plus twenty-nine cents
20 per mile.