

TESTIMONY OF REP. LAWRENCE R. KLEMIN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1427
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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Members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Lawrence R. Klemin, Representative from District 47 in Bismarck. I am here to testify in support of House Bill No. 1427, which is a companion bill to the Uniform Juvenile Court Act contained in HB 1035.

This bill creates three planning committees to work on the implementation of the revised Uniform Juvenile Court Act during the delayed effective dates in HB 1035. These planning committees are to be established by the Commission on Juvenile Justice to research and develop recommendations and strategies to implement best practices for juvenile justice.

The planning committees include a Juvenile Justice Planning Committee in Section 2, a Planning Committee for Children in Need of Services in Section 3, and a Planning Committee for Alternatives to Juvenile Detention in Section 4 of the bill. Recommendations of the planning committees must be approved by the Commission on Juvenile Justice and implemented within 12 months of formation.

There are also some amendments to HB 1427 which will be introduced. HB 1427 with the amendments in context on LAWS will show you where the amendments are in the bill.

I urge your support for HB 1427.