

TESTIMONY OF REP. LAWRENCE R. KLEMIN  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1427  
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
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Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Lawrence R. Klemin, Representative from District 47 in Bismarck. I am here to testify in support of House Bill 1427, which is a companion bill to the revised 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. The recommendations of the planning committees must be approved by the Commission on Juvenile Justice and the Children's Cabinet following the expiration of the delayed effective dates.

I urge your support for HB 1427. Thank you.

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