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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1362

Page 1, line 1, replace "a" with "two"

Page 1, line 1, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "upbringing" insert "and the rights of children"

Page 3, after line 3, insert:

"**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Children's rights.

Each child has the right to:

1. Be free from all forms of physical, psychological, and sexual abuse and neglect;
2. Reside in a safe and healthy environment;
3. Receive appropriate medical treatment, including behavioral health treatment;
4. Develop a healthy attachment to a parent, legal guardian, or caregiver;
5. Voice opinions related to matters that affect the child, including representation on age-appropriate youth councils or other decisionmaking bodies;
6. Consideration from parents, elected officials, and other adults in decisionmaking that impacts the care or communities of children;
7. Consideration of a child's best interest in decisions that affect the child, including legal representation and a child advocate in legal proceedings;
8. Be provided quality services, including trauma-informed, culturally appropriate, and nondiscriminatory approaches and accommodations;
9. Access educational services and support to accommodate the child's individual educational needs;
10. Receive age-appropriate education and be heard regarding the child's educational needs;
11. Access life skills training; and
12. Protection from unfair and unsafe labor practices."

Renumber accordingly