

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1338

Introduced by

Representatives M. Ruby, Beltz, Bolinske, J. Olson, D. Johnston, Klemin

Senators Bekkedahl, Dever, Lee, Roers, Wobbema

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 50-25.1-05 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to a determination by the department of health and human  
3 services of an individual's military status in child abuse and neglect ~~allegations~~ assessments.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 50-25.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 The department shall determine the military status of ~~any~~ individual subject to an  
8 assessment, ~~within a reasonable amount of time, if the individual's child is the~~  
9 subject at the initiation of ~~an~~ child abuse or neglect ~~allegation~~ assessment. If the  
10 department determines an allegation of abuse or neglect involves a military-affiliated  
11 individual, the department shall notify the nearest military installation's family advocacy  
12 program of the allegation and investigation. The military installation is responsible for  
13 reporting data to the federal department of defense. The department may develop a  
14 memorandum of understanding for use by the human service zone. For purposes of  
15 this subsection:

16 a. "Military affiliated individual" means an individual with an active military status  
17 and the individual's dependents.

18 b. "Military status" includes any branch of the United States military, and the  
19 national guard or reserve.