

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1095

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Child protective services liaison - Duties - Training - Report.

1. As used in this section, "child protective services" means an "authorized agent" or the "department" as the terms are defined under section 50-25.1-02 .
2. A school district may designate at least one **qualified** child protective services liaison by assigning the duties under subsection 3 to an individual hired for the position of child protective services liaison **and shall provide the contact information of the child protective services liaison to the human service zone director.**
3. A child protective services liaison ~~shall~~**may**:
 - a. Act as a point of contact for child protective services;
 - b. Communicate with child protective services on behalf of the school district as allowed by law;
 - c. ~~Assist child protective services with a student case investigation as allowed by law;~~
 - ~~d.~~ Assist with coordinating **school district** resources and support services for a student **involved in** ~~the care of a~~ child protective services **confirmed decision**;
 - ~~e.~~ ~~Inform school personnel of a student's needs resulting from the student's involvement with child protective services as necessary;~~
and
 - ~~f.~~~~d.~~ Annually provide to the school district a report **containing only de-identified information**, including:
 - (1) The number of cases on which the liaison worked;
 - (2) Challenges resulting from collaboration with child protective services; and
 - (3) Recommendations for improving the partnership between child protective services and the school district.

4. Child protective services shall provide:
- a. ~~Training training~~ to each child protective services liaison, ~~within six months of the liaison's designation, including:~~
- ~~(1) Identification of signs of child abuse and neglect;~~
 - ~~(2) Procedures for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect;~~
 - ~~(3) Child protective services protocols and procedures;~~
 - ~~(4) Best practices for collaborating with child protective services to support students; and~~
 - ~~(5) Confidentiality and ethical considerations regarding student cases.~~
- b. Ongoing training and professional development.
- c. ~~Assistance with internal school district investigations that may occur concurrently with child protective service investigations in~~ accordance with subsection 2 of section 50-25.1-19 and section 1 of House Bill No. 1562.