



JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 24, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CODE STUDY

- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the juvenile delinquency code study
- 9:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Lisa Bjergaard, Director, Division of Juvenile Services, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, regarding a summary of the Commission on Juvenile Justice's previous work leading up to the juvenile delinquency code study
- 9:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Karen Kringlie, Director of Juvenile Court, Administrative Unit Two, regarding current juvenile court practices, procedures, and ideas for possible solutions
- 10:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Travis Finck, Executive Director, Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, regarding the desirability and feasibility of a separate juvenile delinquency offense code and whether a separate classification of criminal offenses for juveniles should be created
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Attorney General's office regarding the desirability and feasibility of a separate juvenile delinquency offense code and whether a separate classification of criminal offenses for juveniles should be created
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative from the North Dakota State's Attorneys' Association regarding whether a separate classification of criminal offenses for juveniles should be created, and which criminal offenses should receive a distinct classification for juvenile offenders
- 11:40 a.m. Committee discussion
- 12:00 noon Recess

CHILD WELFARE STUDY

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the child welfare study
- 1:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Lisa Bjergaard regarding the Commission on Juvenile Justice's previous work and involvement leading up to the child welfare study

- 1:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by [Ms. Jessica Thomasson](#), Executive Director, Human Services Division; Ms. Kelsey Bless, Licensing Unit Administrator, Children and Family Services Division; and Ms. Kirsten Hansen, Prevention and Protection Administrator, Children and Family Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding an introduction and overview of children and family services
- 2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Kimberly Jacobson, Human Service Zone Director, Agassiz Valley Human Service Zone, regarding an overview of the human service zone's role and responsibility in adoptive placements and an overview of the human service zone structure, history, and focus
- 3:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Veronica Zietz, Executive Director, Protection and Advocacy Project, regarding the juvenile justice aspects of child welfare
- 3:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by [Mr. Jonathan Byers](#), Board Member, Children's Advocacy Centers of North Dakota, regarding the role of the Children's Advocacy Centers in the child welfare system
- 3:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Joy Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, regarding the availability of resources to support children and families experiencing out-of-home placement or risk of out-of-home placement
- 4:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Mandy Dendy, Coverage Policy Director, Medical Services, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding possible resources to support children and families at risk of out-of-home placement
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Michelle Strinden (Chairman), Karen A. Anderson, Claire Cory, Jayme Davis, Karla Rose Hanson, Zachary Ista, Lawrence R. Klemin, Shannon Roers Jones, Lori VanWinkle

Senators: David A. Clemens, Kathy Hogan, Diane Larson, Judy Lee

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