

**SENATE BILL NO. 2034**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the children's cabinet.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-06-43.1. Children's cabinet - Membership - Duties - Report.**

7 1. The children's cabinet is created to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children  
8 across the state's branches of government and the tribal nations.

9 2. The children's cabinet consists of the following members:

- 10 a. The governor, or the governor's designee;
- 11 b. The chief justice of the supreme court, or the chief justice's designee;
- 12 c. ~~The speaker of the house of representatives, or the speaker's designee~~A  
13 member of the house of representatives from an even-numbered legislative  
14 district and a member of the house of representatives from an odd-numbered  
15 legislative district appointed by the majority leader of the house of  
16 representatives to serve two-year terms;
- 17 d. ~~The president pro tempore of the senate, or the president pro tempore's~~  
18 designeeA member of the senate from an even-numbered legislative district and  
19 a member of the senate from an odd-numbered legislative district appointed by  
20 the majority leader of the senate to serve two-year terms;
- 21 e. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
- 22 f. The director of the committee on protection and advocacy, or the director's
- 23 designee;
- 24 g. The executive director of the department, or the executive director's designee.

- 1            h. A representative of the tribal nations in the state, who is appointed by the  
2            governor; and
- 3            ~~h-i.~~ Four individuals representing parents, private service providers, or other  
4            community interests, who are appointed by the governor to serve a term of two  
5            years, at the pleasure of the governor, and who are entitled to reimbursement  
6            from the department for travel and lodging at the same rate as provided for state  
7            officers and employees.
- 8            3. The chairman of legislative management, ~~or a member of the legislative assembly~~  
9            ~~appointed by the chairman of the legislative management~~ shall appoint one of the  
10           legislative members to serve as the presiding officer of the cabinet and one legislative  
11           member to serve as the vice-presiding officer. The cabinet shall meet at least  
12           quarterly. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- 13           4. The children's cabinet shall:
- 14           a. Coordinate broad-based leadership across programs, agencies, branches of  
15           government, and tribal nations to meet the needs of children;
- 16           b. Develop strategies to address gaps or needs regarding early care and education,  
17           medical and behavioral health, community, child welfare, and juvenile justice;
- 18           c. Develop strategies to provide for the full continuum of care in the delivery of  
19           services, including promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention,  
20           service delivery, and recovery;
- 21           d. Seek to engage cooperation across public and private service providers;
- 22           e. Provide a comprehensive vision for how and where children are best served,  
23           attending to children in a respectful and relevant manner;
- 24           f. Seek strategies to provide services to children without consideration of prior  
25           engagement with juvenile services;
- 26           g. Provide for the active participation of consumers and providers statewide on  
27           advisory committees; ~~and~~
- 28           h. Receive information and recommendations from the department of health and  
29           human services, department of corrections and rehabilitation, and other state  
30           agencies; and

- 1           i. Provide an annual report to the legislative management and governor regarding  
2           the activities and findings of the cabinet.
- 3        5. The department shall provide the children's cabinet with staffing and administrative  
4        services.