

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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; and to declare an emergency.

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 commissioner of the department, or the commissioner'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, who shall be selected from the legislative chamber of which the presiding~~
12 ~~officer of the cabinet is not a member.~~ The children's cabinet shall select one of its
13 members to serve as the vice-presiding officer. The cabinet shall meet at least
14 quarterly. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer.

15 4. The children's cabinet shall:

16 a. Coordinate broad-based leadership across programs, agencies, branches of
17 government, and tribal nations to meet the needs of children;

18 b. Develop strategies to address gaps or needs regarding early care and education,
19 medical and behavioral health, community, child welfare, and juvenile justice;

20 c. Develop strategies to provide for the full continuum of care in the delivery of
21 services, including promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention,
22 service delivery, and recovery;

23 d. Seek to engage cooperation across public and private service providers;

24 e. Provide a comprehensive vision for how and where children are best served,
25 attending to children in a respectful and relevant manner;

26 f. Seek strategies to provide services to children without consideration of prior
27 engagement with juvenile services;

28 g. Provide for the active participation of consumers and providers statewide on
29 advisory committees; ~~and~~

- 1 h. Receive information and recommendations from the department of health and
2 human services, department of corrections and rehabilitation, and other state
3 agencies; and
- 4 i. Provide an annual report to the legislative management and governor regarding
5 the activities and findings of the cabinet.
- 6 5. The department shall provide the children's cabinet with staffing and administrative
7 services.
- 8 6. A member of the cabinet who is not a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for
9 mileage and expenses as provided by law for state officers and employees, to be paid
10 by the department. A state employee who is a member of the cabinet is entitled to
11 receive that employee's regular salary and is entitled to reimbursement for mileage
12 and expenses to be paid by the employing agency. A member of the cabinet who is a
13 member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive per diem compensation at the
14 rate provided under section 54-35-10 for each day performing official duties of the
15 cabinet. The legislative council shall pay the per diem compensation and
16 reimbursement for travel and expenses as provided by law for any member of the
17 cabinet who is a member of the legislative assembly.

18 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.