

2023 SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB 2086

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Workforce Development Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2086
1/6/2023

Relating to evidence-based alcohol and drug education programs and program certification.

10:39 AM Chairman Wobbema called the meeting to order. Senators Wobbema, Elkin, Larson, Sickler, Piepkorn are present. Senator Axtman was absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Drug addiction
- Certified instructor
- Legal requirement

10:40 AM James Knopik, Addiction Programs Manager, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division, testimony in favor #12486 and #12496.

Senator Larson moved a DO PASS, seconded by Senator Elkin

Senators	Vote
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	AB
Senator Jay Elkin	Y
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-1 Motion passed.

Senator Larson will carry SB 2086.

10:56 AM Chairman Wobbema closed the hearing.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2086: Workforce Development Committee (Sen. Wobbema, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2086 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2023 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2086

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2086
3/7/2023

Relating to evidence-based alcohol and drug education programs and program certification.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich. Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby not present.

Discussion Topics:

- DUI Instructors
- Certification of instructors

James Knopik, Director of Behavioral Health Division with the Department of Health and Human Services, supportive testimony (#22596).

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 4:18 PM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2086
3/7/2023

Relating to evidence-based alcohol and drug education programs and program certification.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 4:23 PM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby and Rep. Karen M. Rohr not present.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

Chairman Weisz called for a discussion on SB 2086.

Rep. Porter moved a do pass on SB 2086.

Seconded by Rep. Beltz.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	AB
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	AB

Motion carries 12-0-2.

Carried by Rep. Prichard.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2086: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2086 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2086

Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2086
Senate Workforce Development Committee
Senator Wobbema, Chairman
January 6, 2023

Chairman Wobbema and members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee, I am James Knopik, Manager of Addiction and Prevention Program and Policy with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) Behavioral Health Division. I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2086 which was introduced at the request of the Department.

Under North Dakota Century Code chapters 50-06 and 50-31 the Department's Behavioral Health Division is responsible for the licensing of addiction treatment programs and the certification of alcohol and drug early intervention programs for individuals under the age of twenty-one who violate section 5-01-08.

Addiction treatment programs provide clinical therapy services offered by licensed professionals to assist individuals who have a diagnosed substance use disorder.

Alcohol and drug early intervention programs are educational classes for individuals who are at risk of developing a substance use disorder but currently do not have a diagnosable disorder. This level of care does not require the level of oversight that licensing of addiction treatment program requires.

One of the levels of care the Department licenses addiction treatment programs for is Early Intervention Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Seminars. This licensure process requires the program's individual providers to be certified as a DUI education provider.

The proposed changes in this Bill amend section 50-06-44 of the North Dakota Century Code regarding alcohol and drug education programs to remove the regulatory burden of the licensure process for early intervention providers. Enacting these proposed changes allow the Department to regulate not only minor in possession instructors, but also DUI instructors and marijuana education instructors through the less burdensome certification process than licensure with the intention of increasing availability of evidence-base early intervention programming.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.

Early Intervention

Early intervention strategies identify individuals at risk for or showing the early signs of a disorder with the goal of intervening to prevent progression.

Research suggests that investing in early intervention services can contribute to a reduction in health care costs and help ensure the improved health and well-being of individuals. Early initiation of problem behavior and involvement in the criminal justice system is a risk factor for substance misuse and related consequences. Therefore, ensuring that this population is receiving evidence-based early intervention services is important in preventing further problems.



Minor In Possession Early Intervention

The Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division is authorized to certify **Minor in Possession (MIP) instructors** (NDCC 50-06-44) in an effort to:

- + increase capacity of the workforce
- + increase access to evidence-based early intervention services
- + prevent the onset of substance use disorders (SUD) among youth who do not yet meet criteria for SUD, but are exhibiting early warning signs

As of December 1, 2022, there are 26 certified MIP education instructors.

MINOR IN POSSESSION (MIP) EARLY INTERVENTION CLASSES		
	July 2020 – June 2021*	July 2021 – June 2022**
Total classes taught	406	158
Total participants who completed the class	808	265
Total repeat participants	22	9

**ND law required individuals with a MIP to participate in an early intervention education course provided by a certified provider.*

***As of August 1, 2021, ND law changed to not require individuals with a MIP to participate in an early intervention education course provided by a certified provider.*

Driving Under the Influence Early Intervention

The Division licenses ASAM 0.5 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Seminar Programs (NDCC 50-31) and certifies the instructors who teach these evidence-based classes.

As of December 1, 2022:

43 DUI programs are licensed

55 DUI instructors are certified





Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2086
House Human Services Committee
Representative Weisz, Chairman
March 7, 2023

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am James Knopik, Manager of Addiction and Prevention Program and Policy with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) Behavioral Health Division. I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2086 which was introduced at the request of the Department.

Under North Dakota Century Code chapters 50-06 and 50-31 the Department's Behavioral Health Division is responsible for the licensing of addiction treatment programs and the certification of alcohol and drug early intervention programs for youth.

The proposed changes in this bill amend section 50-06-44 of the North Dakota Century Code regarding alcohol and drug education programs for early intervention providers. Currently, the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) class is required to be performed by certified DUI instructor at a licensed addiction treatment program. This requires education programs to complete a similar licensing and licensing audit process as an addiction treatment program. By enacting these proposed changes, Driving Under the Influence instructors would complete only the process of becoming a certified instructor. The department would have the ability to simplify the process, reduce the regulatory burden, and potentially increase the number of DUI instructors.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.