

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1210

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, D. Anderson, Damschen

Senator J. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact subsection 4 of section 27-20-13 and subdivision g of
2 subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to time for
3 beneficial transition of a child to or from temporary legal custody; and to amend and reenact
4 subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
5 the option of court-ordered rehabilitative programming for the parents, guardian, or other
6 custodian of a deprived child.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Subsection 4 to section 27-20-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
9 and enacted as follows:

10 4. Unless a child is in immediate danger, a court order transferring a child into custody
11 shall provide a reasonable period of time to facilitate a beneficial transition for the child
12 and other parties involved.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North
14 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 d. Require the parents, guardian, or other custodian to participate in
16 treatmentrehabilitative programming and to release related assessments and
17 progress reports to the entity that has been granted legal custody as identified in
18 this section. Failure to provide corresponding assessments and reports or failure
19 to regularly visit the child without good cause constitutes a lack of compliance.

20 **SECTION 3.** Subdivision g of subsection 1 of section 27-20-30 of the North Dakota Century
21 Code is created and enacted as follows:

22 g. Without a compelling reason to the contrary, a court order that transfers the child
23 from the current protective placement to a parent or other biological family shall

- 1 provide a reasonable period of time to facilitate a beneficial transition for the child
- 2 and other parties involved.