

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the commission on juvenile justice; to repeal section 50-06-43.2 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to the commission on juvenile justice; and to provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-43.2. Commission on juvenile justice - Reports.**

8 1. The commission on juvenile justice is composed of:

- 9 a. Three members of the house of representatives, two of whom must be selected
10 by the majority leader of the house of representatives and one of whom must be
11 selected by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
- 12 b. Three members of the senate, two of whom must be selected by the majority
13 leader of the senate and one of whom must be selected by the minority leader of
14 the senate;
- 15 c. The governor, or the governor's designee;
- 16 d. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
- 17 e. The executive director of the department of human services, or the executive
18 director's designee;
- 19 f. The director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation's division of
20 juvenile services, or the director's designee;
- 21 g. The executive director of the Indian affairs commission, or the executive
22 director's designee;
- 23 h. A director of juvenile court services, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme
24 court;

- 1 i. A representative from the commission on legal counsel for indigents; and
- 2 j. The following members appointed by the governor:
 - 3 (1) A state's attorney;
 - 4 (2) A representative of a children's advocacy center; and
 - 5 (3) A representative of ~~a city police department~~ local law enforcement.
- 6 2. ~~The governor~~ chairman of the legislative management shall designate one of the
- 7 members of the commission to serve as the presiding officer. The governor's
- 8 appointees serve at the pleasure of the governor. Excluding ex officio members, the
- 9 term of a commission member is two years.
- 10 3. The commission shall meet at least four times per year at the times and locations
- 11 designated by the presiding officer. The office of the governor shall provide staffing for
- 12 the commission.
- 13 4. The commission shall:
 - 14 a. Review chapter 27-20;
 - 15 b. Gather information concerning issues of child welfare, including education,
 - 16 abuse, and neglect;
 - 17 c. Receive reports and testimony from individuals, state and local agencies,
 - 18 community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations, in
 - 19 furtherance of the commission's duties;
 - 20 d. Advise effective intervention, resources, and services for children;
 - 21 e. Report to ~~and be subject to the oversight of~~ the children's cabinet; and
 - 22 f. Annually submit to the governor and the legislative management a report with the
 - 23 commission's findings and recommendations which may include a legislative
 - 24 strategy to implement the recommendations.
- 25 5. A member of the commission who is not a state employee is entitled to reimbursement
- 26 for mileage and expenses as provided by law for state officers and employees to be
- 27 paid by the department of corrections and rehabilitation. A state employee who is a
- 28 member of the commission is entitled to receive that employee's regular salary and is
- 29 entitled to reimbursement for mileage and expenses to be paid by the employing
- 30 agency. A member of the commission who is a member of the legislative assembly is
- 31 entitled to receive per diem compensation at the rate provided under section 54-35-10

1 for each day performing official duties of the commission. The legislative council shall
2 pay the per diem compensation and reimbursement for travel and expenses as
3 provided by law for any member of the commission who is a member of the legislative
4 assembly.

5 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 50-06-43.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

6 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective August 1, 2025.