

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.