

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### Tentative Agenda

### **FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 8, 2001  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of September 24, 2001, meeting  
Comments by the committee chairman

#### **ADOPTION LAW STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of:

- A North Dakota alternative birth certificate used for adoptees
- Laws of other states regarding access to adoption records
- Summaries of federal laws addressing adoption and the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

9:20 a.m. Comments by representatives of licensed child placement agencies regarding fees charged, procedures followed, and services offered by the agencies related to searches for adoption information

9:40 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Julie Hoffman, Administrator of Adoption Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Human Services, of:

- Adoption statistics in the state
- Information regarding issues relating to special needs adoptions
- Information regarding activities of the informal task force of licensed child placement agency representatives discussing adoption laws

10:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons

10:10 a.m. Committee discussion and directives

10:15 a.m. Coffee break

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF CHILD SUPPORT STUDY**

10:30 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Mike Schwindt, Director, Division of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Services, of information regarding the administrative structure of the current child support enforcement system and the financial status of this system

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Gordy Smith, Audit Manager, State Auditor's office, of the child support enforcement performance audit report

12:00 noon Comments by interested persons

12:10 p.m. Committee discussion and directives

12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess

## **PRIVACY STUDY**

### **Financial Privacy**

- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a summary of the federal privacy law and information regarding introducing financial privacy legislation during the special session
- 1:25 p.m. Testimony from Mr. Chuck Johnson, General Counsel, Insurance Department, regarding the status of the department's financial privacy administrative rules
- 1:40 p.m. Testimony from Ms. Christine Hogan, Executive Director, State Bar Association of North Dakota, regarding the possible applicability to lawyers of the federal privacy law
- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Timothy Karsky, Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, of information regarding:
- An analysis of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2191
  - The substantive effects of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2191
  - The impact of returning to the state's banking financial privacy law in effect before 2001 Senate Bill No. 2191
- 2:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:40 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee break

### **Medical Privacy**

- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Mike Mullen, Senior Advisor for Health Policy, State Department of Health, of an overview of the medical privacy provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- 3:55 p.m. Comments by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota regarding medical privacy issues
- 4:10 p.m. Testimony from Mr. Sheldon Wolf, Assistant Medical Services Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services, regarding the department's activities related to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- 4:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 4:35 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 4:40 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Representatives John Mahoney (Chairman), Lois Delmore, Mary Ekstrom, Roxanne Jensen, Jim Kasper, Lawrence R. Klemin, Carol A. Niemeier, Dan Ruby, Sally M. Sandvig, Dwight Wrangham  
 Senators Linda Christenson, Dick Dever, Robert S. Erbele, Michael A. Every, Russell T. Thane, Darlene Watne