

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076  
(Representatives Devlin, Beltz, Rohr, M. Ruby, Weisz)  
(Senators Heckaman, Lee)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-06-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the children's cabinet; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-43.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-06-43.1. Children's cabinet - Membership - Duties. (~~Effective through July 31, 2025~~)**

1. The children's cabinet is created to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children across the state's branches of government and the tribal nations.
2. The children's cabinet consists of the following members:
  - a. The governor, or the governor's designee;
  - b. The chief justice of the supreme court, or the chief justice's designee;
  - c. The speaker of the house of representatives, or the speaker's designee;
  - d. The president pro tempore of the senate, or the president pro tempore's designee;
  - e. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
  - f. The director of the committee on protection and advocacy, or the director's designee;
  - g. A representative of the tribal nations in the state, who is appointed by the governor; and
  - h. Four individuals representing parents, private service providers, or other community interests, who are appointed by the governor to serve a term of two years, at the pleasure of the governor, and who are entitled to reimbursement from the department of human services for travel and lodging at the same rate as provided for state officers and employees.
3. The chairman of legislative management, or a member of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, shall serve as the presiding officer of the cabinet. The cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer.
4. The children's cabinet shall:
  - a. Coordinate broad-based leadership across programs, agencies, branches of government, and tribal nations to meet the needs of children;
  - b. Develop strategies to address gaps or needs regarding early care and education, medical and behavioral health, community, child welfare, and juvenile justice;
  - c. Develop strategies to provide for the full continuum of care in the delivery of services, including promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention, service delivery, and recovery;

- d. Seek to engage cooperation across public and private service providers;
  - e. Provide a comprehensive vision for how and where children are best served, attending to children in a respectful and relevant manner;
  - f. Seek strategies to provide services to children without consideration of prior engagement with juvenile services;
  - g. Provide for the active participation of consumers and providers statewide on advisory committees; and
  - h. Receive information and recommendations from the department of human services, department of corrections and rehabilitation, and other state agencies.
5. The department of human services shall provide the children's cabinet with staffing and administrative services.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Kim Anderson  
Speaker of the House

Ben Sjd  
President of the Senate

Bull F. Reed  
Chief Clerk of the House

Chanda Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1076 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 89                      Nays 0                      Absent 5

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This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 46                      Nays 0                      Absent 1

Ben Sjd  
President of the Senate

Chanda Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at 3:16 PM. on March 17, 2021.

Doug Burgum  
Governor

Filed in this office this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021,  
at 8:49 o'clock A. M.

Christine Healy  
Secretary of State