

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1014
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the children's services coordinating committee; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-56 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the children's services coordinating committee operating fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from special funds derived from federal funds and other income to the children's services coordinating committee for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$70,161
Operating expenses	57,339
Grants	<u>6,622,500</u>
Total all funds	\$6,750,000

SECTION 2. GRANTS - BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL. Of the \$6,622,500 appropriated in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, the children's services coordinating committee shall provide grants of \$200,000 to the native American alcohol and drug abuse education program during the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. Any other statewide grants distributed by the committee, unless specifically approved by the legislative assembly, are subject to budget section approval.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - EMERGENCY COMMISSION APPROVAL. All income of the children's services coordinating committee in excess of the estimated income line item appropriated in section 1 of this Act is hereby appropriated to the children's services coordinating committee for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, and may be spent only upon authorization of the emergency commission.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FUNCTION OF REGIONAL AND TRIBAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEES. It is the intent of the legislative assembly that each regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee function as a regional planning committee to monitor and coordinate children's services in each region and that the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees not directly provide services or programs.

SECTION 5. FEDERAL FUND ALLOCATIONS - EMERGENCY COMMISSION APPROVAL. Of the \$7,500,000 of federal funds estimated to be generated as a result of participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services, the following allocations are made for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001:

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	ALLOCATION
Department of human services	10 percent
Children's services coordinating committee - Administration	1.7 percent
Children's services coordinating committee - Grants to regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for administrative costs	18 percent
Children's services coordinating committee -	2 percent

Grants to regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for collaboration efforts

Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees - Grants, including those to participating entities	62.3 percent, includes 20 percent that is returned to participating entities
Children's services coordinating committee - Statewide grants	6 percent

If less than \$7,500,000 is generated as a result of participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements for the 1999-2001 biennium, the children's services coordinating committee shall proportionately reduce the percentage allocations for statewide grants and regional and tribal children's services coordinating committee grants to generate the funds necessary to provide \$127,500 for children's services coordinating committee administration for the 1999-2001 biennium, \$1,350,000 for grants to regional and tribal committees for administrative costs for the 1999-2001 biennium, and \$150,000 for grants to regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees for collaboration efforts for the 1999-2001 biennium under this section. Any federal funds received by the state as a result of participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services in excess of \$7,500,000 for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, must be distributed, subject to emergency commission approval as follows:

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	ALLOCATION
Regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees - Grants, including those to participating entities	100 percent, includes 20 percent that is returned to participating entities

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 1999-2000 interim, the uses of funds appropriated to the children's services coordinating committee including:

1. A review of the uses of the funding received by the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees and the appropriate level of administrative costs for these committees.
2. A review of the entities involved in generating "refinancing" funds and how the "refinancing" funding returned to them is being used.

SECTION 7. A new section to chapter 54-56 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Operating fund balance. The children's services coordinating committee may not maintain an unobligated operating fund balance, excluding income received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars or twenty percent of annual income allocated for its administrative costs and statewide grants, whichever is less, at the end of each fiscal year.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1014.

House Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 1 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State