

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE BILL NO. 2297  
(Senator J. Lee)  
(Representative Price)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-56-03, 54-56-04, and 54-56-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the functions and duties of the children's services coordinating committee; to repeal section 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the operating fund balance of the children's services coordinating committee; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an expiration date.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-56-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-56-03. Functions - Continuing appropriation.**

1. The committee may:
  - a. Plan for and coordinate delivery of services to children and adolescents who are abused, neglected, emotionally disturbed, mentally ill, medically disabled, runaways, homeless, deprived, school dropouts, school-age parents, chemical or alcohol abusers, unruly, or delinquent.
  - b. Foster primary prevention ideas and strategies and present those ideas and strategies to regional or tribal children's services coordinating committees.
  - c. Accept funds, services, or other assistance from any source. Any funds received under this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the committee for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the committee.
2. The committee shall:
  - a. ~~Distribute funds due to regional or tribal committees within five days of receiving the funds.~~
  - b. ~~Distribute~~ distribute its grant funds appropriated or authorized by the legislative assembly to children's services organizations and programs, subject to specific approval by the legislative assembly or the budget section. No funds, grants, gifts, or services of an organization receiving funds distributed by the committee may be used for the purposes of direct provision of contraception services, abortion, or abortion referrals to minors.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-56-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-56-04. Charter public corporations - Duties.** The children's services coordinating committee may designate up to twelve organizations to serve as regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees ~~to distribute grants received from the children's services coordinating committee.~~ The committee shall prescribe conditions for the creation, continuance, and duration of those designations. ~~The committee shall discontinue the designation of regional and tribal committees if grant funds are not available for distribution to the regional and tribal committees.~~

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-56-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-56-06. Regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee - Functions - Continuing appropriation.** A regional or tribal children's services coordinating committee, if established, must be composed of community volunteers and must maintain its own records and may accept funds, services, or other assistance from any source. Any funds received under this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the regional or tribal committee for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the committee. ~~To foster and nurture the broadest base of community support and participation, at least one third of regional or tribal committee members must be from the private sector. A regional or tribal committee shall:~~

- ~~1. Recruit local organizations to become participating entities to claim federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services.~~
- ~~2. Expend administrative funding received from the state children's services coordinating committee only for costs associated with salaries and benefits, mileage and travel, meals, conferences and workshops, contract services, telephone, office supplies, marketing, printing, postage, dues and subscriptions, and room rent.~~
- ~~3. Reimburse a committee member only for expenses that are not reimbursed by the organization or entity that the member is representing on the regional or tribal committee.~~
- ~~4. Submit all claims received from its participating entities claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements to the department of human services within ninety days of the end of each calendar quarter.~~
- ~~5. Distribute fifty percent of the federal funds generated as a result of a participating entity claiming federal administrative cost reimbursements through the department of human services to the participating entity that generated the federal administrative cost reimbursement.~~
- ~~6. Distribute funds due to participating entities within twenty days of receiving the funds.~~

~~A regional or tribal committee may not maintain an unobligated fund balance, excluding income received during the final thirty days of each fiscal year, which exceeds fifty thousand dollars at the end of each fiscal year.~~

**SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Section 54-56-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

**SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 1 through 3 of this Act are effective through June 30, 2007, and after that date are ineffective.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2297.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46        Nays    0        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    81        Nays    6        Absent    7

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State