

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2340

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 14-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to termination of parental rights.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 14-15-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. "Abandon" means:
  - a. As to a parent of a child not in the custody of that parent, failure by the noncustodial parent significantly without justifiable cause to:
    - (1) Communicate through physical or verbal communication or contact with the child; or
    - (2) Provide for the care and support of the child as required by law.
  - b. As to a parent of a child in that parent's custody:
    - (1) To leave the child for an indefinite period without making firm and agreed plans, with the child's immediate caregiver, for the parent's resumption of physical custody;
    - (2) Following the child's birth or treatment at a hospital, to fail to arrange for the child's discharge within ten days after the child no longer requires hospital care; or
    - (3) To willfully fail to furnish food, shelter, clothing, or medical attention reasonably sufficient to meet the child's needs."

Renumber accordingly