

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1144

(Representatives Schauer, Hanson, O'Brien, Pyle, Satrom, Schreiber-Beck, Steiner, Strinden)
(Senators Hogan, K. Roers, Weber)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-19, section 50-11.1-02.4, and a new subsection to section 50-11.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required training for mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Mandated reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect - Training.

1. Each public and nonpublic school teacher, administrator, and counselor annually shall provide documentation to the department of public instruction of the individual's completion of the online interactive training module provided by the department of health and human services for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.
2. This training must qualify for continuing education credits that count toward license renewal.

SECTION 2. Section 50-11.1-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Early childhood services providers - Mandated reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect - Training.

1. An early childhood services provider annually shall provide documentation to the department of the provider's and the provider's staff members' completion of the online interactive training module provided by the department for mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.
2. This training must qualify for continuing education credits that count toward license renewal.

SECTION 3. A new subsection to section 50-11.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Any hours of department-approved training related to child care which an applicant completes after submitting the fees and application as required under subsection 8 must be counted toward the licensing annual requirements for the following 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 Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1144.

House Vote: Yeas 71 Nays 19 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 1 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

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Secretary of State