

CHILDREN'S CABINET

Representative Chet Pollert, Chair

October 27, 2020

Lisa Bjergaard, Chair

**Presented a report on the activities
of the Juvenile Justice Commission**

This body most recently received an update regarding the activities of the Juvenile Justice Commission at the end of July. Today's report will begin where the last report ended.

At your last meeting, I reported that a first draft of new juvenile court act had been introduced to the Interim Judiciary Committee on July 22, 2020. Chairman Klemin directed the Committee to accept written comments regarding the proposed bill draft until August 5, 2020. The Juvenile Justice Commission met on two occasions; August 17 and September 23. The agenda for both of those meetings was the juvenile court act bill draft. Between August 17th and early September, the Juvenile Justice Commission workgroup convened to rework the bill and consider the comments for inclusion. The bill draft was resubmitted to Legislative Council for further drafting, and a second draft was presented to and approved by the Interim Judiciary Committee at their September 24th meeting. The bill will be presented to Legislative Management in November.

The Division of Juvenile Services was recently notified that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention awarded North Dakota a grant which will provide continued support for the Council of State Governments Justice Center as they assist the work of the Juvenile Justice Commission. Priority will be given to identifying and addressing critical gaps in service delivery.

