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of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2150

Introduced by

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Representatives R. Kelsch, Hawken, Delmore

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09.1, four new sections to~~
2 ~~chapter 15.1-18.2, and two new sections to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
3 ~~relating to regional education associations, the professional development advisory committee,~~
4 ~~and North Dakota scholarships; to amend and reenact sections 15.1-07-33, 15.1-09-58,~~
5 ~~15.1-09.1-02, 15.1-20-01, 15.1-21-02.1, 15.1-21-02.4, 15.1-21-02.5, 15.1-21-02.6, 15.1-21-08,~~
6 ~~15.1-21-18, 15.1-21-19, 15.1-22-01, 15.1-27-03.1, 15.1-27-04, 15.1-27-07.2, 15.1-27-11,~~
7 ~~15.1-27-35.3, and 15.1-37-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to technology,~~
8 ~~regional education associations, curriculum requirements, assessments, scholarships, student~~
9 ~~consultations, compulsory attendance, age of admission, and state aid; to repeal chapter~~
10 ~~15.1-18.2 and section 15.1-27-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to isolated~~
11 ~~schools; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide for compensation increases, transition~~
12 ~~payments, contingent payments, and the distribution of transportation grants; to provide for a~~
13 ~~legislative management study and reports; to provide an effective date; and to provide an~~
14 ~~expiration date.~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09.1, four new
15 sections to chapter 15.1-18.2, three new sections to chapter 15.1-21, and ten new sections to
16 chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regional education associations,
17 the professional development advisory committee, North Dakota scholarships, and
18 supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation; to amend and reenact sections 15.1-06-04,
19 15.1-07-33, 15.1-09-58, 15.1-09.1-02, 15.1-21-02.1, 15.1-21-02.4, 15.1-21-02.5, 15.1-21-02.6,
20 15.1-21-08, 15.1-21-18, 15.1-21-19, 15.1-22-01, 15.1-27-03.1, 15.1-27-04, 15.1-27-07.2,
21 15.1-27-11, 15.1-27-35.3, 15.1-36-02, and 15.1-37-01, subsection 1 of section 15.1-37-02, and
22 sections 15.1-37-03 and 57-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the school
23 calendar, technology, regional education associations, curriculum requirements, assessments,
24 scholarships, student consultations, state aid, school construction funding, early childhood
25 education, care, and services, and taxable valuations; to repeal section 6 of this Act and

1 sections 15.1-18.2-01, 15.1-18.2-02, 15.1-18.2-03, and 15.1-27-15 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to professional development and isolated schools; to provide a continuing
3 appropriation; to provide for compensation increases, transition payments, contingent
4 payments, carryover authority, and the distribution of transportation grants and rapid enrollment
5 growth grants; to provide for legislative management studies; to provide an effective date; and
6 to provide an expiration date.

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

8 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
9 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

10 ~~— **15.1-07-33. Student information system -- Statewide coordination -- Financial support --**~~
11 ~~**Exemption.**~~

12 ~~— 1. Notwithstanding any other technology requirements imposed by the superintendent of~~
13 ~~public instruction, the information technology department, or the North Dakota~~
14 ~~educational technology council, each school district shall acquire PowerSchool~~
15 ~~through the information technology department and use it as its principal student~~
16 ~~information system.~~

17 ~~— 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall forward that portion of a school district's~~
18 ~~state aid which is payable by the superintendent under subdivision n of subsection 1 of~~
19 ~~section 15.1-27-03.1 directly to the information technology department to reimburse~~
20 ~~the department for the cost of the school district's acquisition, implementation, or~~
21 ~~utilization of PowerSchool and any related technology support services. The~~
22 ~~superintendent shall forward the amount payable under this subsection at the same~~
23 ~~time and in the same manner as provided for other state aid payments under section~~
24 ~~15.1-27-01.~~

25 ~~— 3. If the portion of a school district's state aid forwarded to the information technology~~
26 ~~department under subsection 2 exceeds the cost incurred by the information~~
27 ~~technology department in providing for the school district's acquisition,~~
28 ~~implementation, or utilization of PowerSchool and any related technology support~~
29 ~~services, the information technology department shall return the excess moneys to the~~

1 superintendent of public instruction for redistribution to the school district as per
2 student payments.

3 ~~4. The superintendent of public instruction may exempt a school district from having to~~
4 ~~acquire and utilize PowerSchool if the school district demonstrates that, in accordance~~
5 ~~with requirements of the bureau of Indian education, the district has acquired and is~~
6 ~~utilizing a student information system that is determined to be comparable by the~~
7 ~~superintendent.~~

8 ~~SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.~~ Section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 ~~15.1-09-58. Prekindergarten program~~**Early childhood education - Authorization -**
11 **Support.**

12 ~~1. The board of a school district may establish a prekindergarten~~an early childhood
13 education program and may receive and expend any state support that program with:

14 ~~a. Local tax revenues, other than those necessary to support the district's~~
15 ~~kindergarten program and the provision of elementary and high school~~
16 ~~educational services;~~

17 ~~b. State moneys specifically appropriated for the program, any federal;~~

18 ~~c. Federal funds specifically appropriated or approved for the program, and any~~
19 ~~gifts,; and~~

20 ~~d. Gifts, grants, and donations specifically given for the program.~~

21 ~~2. For purposes of this section, state moneys specifically appropriated for an early~~
22 ~~childhood program are separate and distinct from those appropriated for special~~
23 ~~education early childhood programs, school readiness and parent education~~
24 ~~programs, and state aid for elementary and secondary education.~~

25 ~~SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.~~ Section 15.1-09.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 ~~15.1-09.1-02. Regional education association - Joint powers agreement - Review by~~
28 **superintendent of public instruction - Criteria.**

29 ~~Before~~In order for a group of school districts mayto be designated as a regional education
30 association, the superintendent of public instruction shall review the joint powers agreement
31 that the districts have entered and verify that: the requirements of this section have been met.

- 1 ~~1. The school districts must:~~
- 2 ~~a. Have a combined total land mass of at least five thousand eight hundred square~~
- 3 ~~miles [1502193 hectares];~~
- 4 ~~b. (1) Have a combined total land mass of at least four thousand five hundred~~
- 5 ~~square miles [1165494 hectares]; and~~
- 6 ~~(2) Number at least twelve;~~
- 7 ~~c. (1) Have a combined total land mass of at least four thousand square miles~~
- 8 ~~[1035995 hectares]; and~~
- 9 ~~(2) Have at least three thousand students in average daily membership; or~~
- 10 ~~d. (1) Have a combined total land mass of at least one thousand five hundred~~
- 11 ~~square miles [388498 hectares]; and~~
- 12 ~~(2) Have at least seven thousand five hundred students in average daily~~
- 13 ~~membership.~~
- 14 ~~2. The school districts are~~must be~~ contiguous to each other or, if the districts are not~~
- 15 ~~contiguous to each other, the superintendent of public instruction shall verify that the~~
- 16 ~~participating districts can provide sound educational opportunities to their students in a~~
- 17 ~~fiscally responsible manner without injuring other school districts or regional education~~
- 18 ~~associations and without negatively impacting the ability of other school districts or~~
- 19 ~~regional education associations to provide sound educational opportunities to their~~
- 20 ~~students in a fiscally responsible manner. A decision by the superintendent of public~~
- 21 ~~instruction under this subsection may be appealed to the state board of public school~~
- 22 ~~education. A decision by the state board is final.~~
- 23 ~~3. The joint powers agreement requires~~must require~~ that the participating school districts~~
- 24 ~~maintain a joint operating fund and share various administrative functions and student~~
- 25 ~~services in accordance with subsection 4.~~
- 26 ~~4. a. During the first two school years in which a regional education association is~~
- 27 ~~operational, each participating school district shall share in at least two~~
- 28 ~~administrative functions and two student services, selected by the district.~~
- 29 ~~b. During the third and fourth school years in which a regional education association~~
- 30 ~~is operational, each participating school district shall share in at least three~~
- 31 ~~administrative functions and three student services, selected by the district.~~

1 ~~_____ c. During the fifth school year in which a regional education association is-~~
2 ~~operational, and each year thereafter, each participating school district shall~~
3 ~~share at least five administrative functions and five student services, selected by~~
4 ~~the district.~~

5 ~~_____ d. For purposes of this subsection:~~

6 ~~_____ (1) "Administrative functions" means:~~

7 ~~_____ (a) Business management;~~

8 ~~_____ (b) Career and technical education services management;~~

9 ~~_____ (c) Curriculum mapping or development;~~

10 ~~_____ (d) Data analysis;~~

11 ~~_____ (e) Federal program support;~~

12 ~~_____ (f) Federal title program management;~~

13 ~~_____ (g) Grant writing;~~

14 ~~_____ (h) School improvement;~~

15 ~~_____ (i) School safety and environment management;~~

16 ~~_____ (j) Special education services management;~~

17 ~~_____ (k) Staff development;~~

18 ~~_____ (l) Staff retention and recruitment;~~

19 ~~_____ (m) Staff sharing;~~

20 ~~_____ (n) Technology support; and~~

21 ~~_____ (o) Any other functions approved by the superintendent of public-~~
22 ~~instruction.~~

23 ~~_____ (2) "Student services" means:~~

24 ~~_____ (a) Advanced placement classes;~~

25 ~~_____ (b) Alternative high schools or alternative high school programs;~~

26 ~~_____ (c) Career and technical education classes;~~

27 ~~_____ (d) Counseling services;~~

28 ~~_____ (e) Common elementary curricula;~~

29 ~~_____ (f) Distance learning classes;~~

30 ~~_____ (g) Dual credit classes;~~

31 ~~_____ (h) Foreign language classes;~~

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- 1 ~~_____ (i) Library and media services;~~
2 ~~_____ (j) Summer programs;~~
3 ~~_____ (k) Supplemental instruction programs; and~~
4 ~~_____ (l) Any other services approved by the superintendent of public~~
5 ~~instruction.~~
6 ~~_____ e. For purposes of this subsection, if a regional education association became~~
7 ~~operational before July 1, 2005, the 2005-06 school year must be considered the~~
8 ~~provider's first year of operation.~~
9 ~~_____ 5. The joint powers agreement provides must provide:~~
10 ~~_____ a. Criteria for the future participation of school districts that were not parties to the~~
11 ~~original joint powers agreement;~~
12 ~~_____ b. An application process by which school districts that were not parties to the~~
13 ~~original joint powers agreement can become participating districts; and~~
14 ~~_____ c. A process by which school districts that were not parties to the original joint~~
15 ~~powers agreement and whose application to participate in the agreement was~~
16 ~~denied can appeal the decision to the superintendent of public instruction.~~
17 ~~_____ 6.5. The joint powers agreement provides must provide for the employment and~~
18 ~~compensation of staff.~~
19 ~~_____ 7.6. The joint powers agreement must:~~
20 ~~_____ a. Establishes Establish the number of members on the governing board;~~
21 ~~_____ b. Establishes Establish the manner in which members of the governing board are~~
22 ~~determined;~~
23 ~~_____ c. Requires all members Require that each member of the governing board or their~~
24 ~~designees to be individuals be an individual currently serving on the board of a~~
25 ~~participating school district or the designee of a participating school district's~~
26 ~~board; and~~
27 ~~_____ d. Allows Allow for the inclusion of ex officio nonvoting members on the governing~~
28 ~~board.~~
29 ~~_____ 8.7. The joint powers agreement provides must provide that the board of the regional~~
30 ~~education association shall meet at least quarterly.~~

1 ~~9.8.~~ The joint powers agreement does ~~may~~ not permit the regional education association to
2 compensate members of the regional education association board for attending
3 meetings of the board and does not permit the regional education association to
4 reimburse members of the board for any expenses incurred in attending meetings of
5 the board.

6 ~~SECTION 4.~~ A new section to chapter 15.1-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 ~~**Regional education association – Services to be offered.**~~

9 ~~1.~~ In order to be eligible for state funding, a regional education association must offer the
10 following services to its member districts:

11 ~~a.~~ Coordination and facilitation of professional development activities for teachers
12 and administrators employed by its member districts;

13 ~~b.~~ Supplementation of technology support services;

14 ~~c.~~ Assistance with achieving school improvement goals identified by the
15 superintendent of public instruction;

16 ~~d.~~ Assistance with the collection, analysis, and interpretation of student
17 achievement data; and

18 ~~e.~~ Assistance with the expansion and enrichment of curricular offerings.

19 ~~2.~~ Subsection 1 does not preclude a regional education association from offering
20 additional services to its member districts.

21 ~~SECTION 5.~~ A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 created and enacted as follows:

23 ~~**Professional development advisory committee – Compensation of members.**~~

24 ~~Each member of the professional development advisory committee, is entitled to receive~~
25 ~~reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending~~
26 ~~meetings or performing duties directed by the committee.~~

27 ~~SECTION 6.~~ A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
28 created and enacted as follows:

29 ~~**Teacher support program – Establishment.**~~

30 ~~The education standards and practices board shall:~~

31 ~~1.~~ Establish and administer a teacher support program;

- 1 ~~2. Employ an individual to serve as a teacher support program coordinator;~~
2 ~~3. a. Select and train experienced teachers who will serve as mentors for first-year~~
3 ~~teachers and assist the first-year teachers with instructional skills development;~~
4 ~~or~~
5 ~~b. If a school district or other employing entity listed in section 8 of this Act is not in~~
6 ~~need of mentors for its first-year teachers, select and train experienced teachers~~
7 ~~who will work with school district administrators and administrators from the other~~
8 ~~employing entities to identify the needs of the non-first-year teachers and help~~
9 ~~the non-first-year teachers address their particular needs through the use of:~~
10 ~~(1) Research-validated interventions; and~~
11 ~~(2) Proven instructional methods.~~

12 ~~**SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
13 ~~created and enacted as follows:~~

14 ~~**Teacher support program - Availability of services.**~~

15 ~~The education standards and practices board may use any moneys it receives for the~~
16 ~~teacher support program to provide staff compensation, training, evaluation, and stipends for~~
17 ~~mentors and experienced teachers who assist first-year and non-first-year teachers participating~~
18 ~~in the program, and to pay for any other administrative expenses resulting from the program;~~
19 ~~provided, however, that the board may not expend more than five percent of the moneys for~~
20 ~~administrative purposes.~~

21 ~~**SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
22 ~~created and enacted as follows:~~

23 ~~**Teacher support program - Authorized service recipients.**~~

24 ~~The education standards and practices board may provide support services to teachers~~
25 ~~employed by:~~

- 26 ~~1. School districts;~~
27 ~~2. Special education units;~~
28 ~~3. Area career and technology centers;~~
29 ~~4. Regional education associations; and~~
30 ~~5. Schools funded by the bureau of Indian education.~~

1 — ~~**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-20-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
2 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

3 — ~~**15.1-20-01. Compulsory attendance.**~~

4 — ~~A student's formal schooling must begin with a kindergarten program that meets the~~
5 ~~requirements of section 15.1-22-02 and must include all other grades from one through twelve.~~

6 — ~~1. a. Any person having responsibility for a child between the ages of seven~~six~~ and~~
7 ~~sixteen years shall ensure that the child is in attendance at a public school for the~~
8 ~~duration of each school year.~~

9 — ~~b. Beginning July 1, 2015, any person having responsibility for a child between the~~
10 ~~ages of six and seventeen years shall ensure that the child is in attendance at a~~
11 ~~public school for the duration of each school year.~~

12 — ~~2. If a person enrolls a child of age six~~five~~ in a public school, the person shall ensure that~~
13 ~~the child is in attendance at the public school for the duration of each school year. The~~
14 ~~person may withdraw a child of age six~~five~~ from the public school. However, once the~~
15 ~~child is withdrawn, the person may not reenroll the child until the following school year.~~
16 ~~This subsection does not apply if the reason for the withdrawal is the child's relocation~~
17 ~~to another school district.~~

18 — ~~3. This section does not apply if a child is exempted under the provisions of section~~
19 ~~15.1-20-02.~~

20 — ~~**SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
21 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

22 — ~~**15.1-21-02.1. High school graduation -- Diplomadiploma -- Minimum requirements.**~~

23 — ~~Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, before a school district, a nonpublic high~~
24 ~~school, or the center for distance education issues a high school diploma to a student, the~~
25 ~~student must have successfully completed the following twenty-two units of high school~~
26 ~~coursework:~~

27 — ~~1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
28 ~~composition, and speech;~~

29 — ~~2. Three units of mathematics;~~

30 — ~~3. Three units of science, including:~~

31 — ~~a. One unit of physical science;~~

- 1 ~~_____ b. One unit of biology; and~~
- 2 ~~_____ c. (1) One unit of any other science; or~~
- 3 ~~_____ (2) Two one-half units of any other science;~~
- 4 ~~_____ 4. Three units of social studies, including:~~
- 5 ~~_____ a. One unit of United States history;~~
- 6 ~~_____ b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;~~
- 7 ~~_____ or~~
- 8 ~~_____ (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
- 9 ~~_____ c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include-~~
- 10 ~~_____ civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota-~~
- 11 ~~_____ studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
- 12 ~~_____ 5. a. One unit of physical education; or~~
- 13 ~~_____ b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
- 14 ~~_____ 6. Three units of:~~
- 15 ~~_____ a. Foreign languages;~~
- 16 ~~_____ b. Native American languages;~~
- 17 ~~_____ c. Fine arts; or~~
- 18 ~~_____ d. Career and technical education courses; and~~
- 19 ~~_____ 7. Any five additional units.~~
- 20 ~~_____ 1. The twenty-two units of high school coursework set forth in section 8 of this Act; and~~
- 21 ~~_____ 2. Any additional units of high school coursework required by the issuing entity.~~
- 22 ~~_____ **SECTION 11.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is-~~
- 23 ~~created and enacted as follows:~~
- 24 ~~_____ **High school graduation – Minimum requirements.**~~
- 25 ~~_____ Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, the following twenty-two units of high school~~
- 26 ~~coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school graduation:~~
- 27 ~~_____ 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
- 28 ~~composition, and speech;~~
- 29 ~~_____ 2. Three units of mathematics;~~
- 30 ~~_____ 3. Three units of science, including:~~
- 31 ~~_____ a. One unit of physical science;~~

- 1 ~~_____ b. One unit of biology; and~~
2 ~~_____ c. (1) One unit of any other science; or~~
3 ~~_____ (2) Two one-half units of any other science;~~
4 ~~_____ 4. Three units of social studies, including:~~
5 ~~_____ a. One unit of United States history;~~
6 ~~_____ b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;~~
7 ~~_____ or~~
8 ~~_____ (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
9 ~~_____ c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include~~
10 ~~_____ civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota~~
11 ~~_____ studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
12 ~~_____ 5. a. One unit of physical education; or~~
13 ~~_____ b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
14 ~~_____ 6. Three units of:~~
15 ~~_____ a. Foreign languages;~~
16 ~~_____ b. Native American languages;~~
17 ~~_____ c. Fine arts; or~~
18 ~~_____ d. Career and technical education courses; and~~
19 ~~_____ 7. Any five additional units.~~
20 ~~_____ **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
21 ~~_____ amended and reenacted as follows:~~
22 ~~_____ **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**~~
23 ~~_____ Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school~~
24 ~~_____ year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided~~
25 ~~_____ the student completes all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of~~
26 ~~_____ section 15.1-21-02.1 for a high school diploma and:~~
27 ~~_____ 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
28 ~~_____ composition, and speech;~~
29 ~~_____ 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:~~

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- 1 ~~_____ a. Completes one~~ One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public-
2 ~~instruction, in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2-~~
3 ~~of section 15.1-21-02.1; and~~
- 4 ~~_____ b. Completes two~~ Two units of any other mathematics;
- 5 ~~_____ 3. Completed three units of science, including:~~
- 6 ~~_____ a. One unit of physical science;~~
- 7 ~~_____ b. One unit of biology; and~~
- 8 ~~_____ c. (1) One unit of any other science; or~~
- 9 ~~_____ (2) Two one-half units of any other science;~~
- 10 ~~_____ 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:~~
- 11 ~~_____ a. One unit of United States history;~~
- 12 ~~_____ b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;-~~
- 13 ~~_____ or~~
- 14 ~~_____ (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
- 15 ~~_____ c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include-~~
16 ~~_____ civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota-~~
17 ~~_____ studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
- 18 ~~_____ 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or~~
- 19 ~~_____ b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
- 20 ~~_____ 6. Completed:~~
- 21 ~~_____ a. One unit selected from:~~
- 22 ~~_____ (1) Foreign languages;~~
- 23 ~~_____ (2) Native American languages;~~
- 24 ~~_____ (3) American sign language;~~
- 25 ~~_____ (4) Fine arts; or~~
- 26 ~~_____ (5) Career and technical education courses; and-~~
- 27 ~~_____ b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of-~~
28 ~~_____ career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public-~~
29 ~~_____ instruction; and~~
- 30 ~~_____ c. 7. Completes three~~ Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area-
31 ~~_____ of career and technical education;~~

- 1 — ~~2. — Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;~~
- 2 — ~~3.8. a. (1) — Obtains~~Obtained~~ a cumulative grade point average of at least "B"~~3.0 on a~~~~
- 3 ~~4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction,~~
- 4 ~~based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and~~
- 5 — ~~(2) — Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or~~
- 6 — ~~b. (1) — Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading~~
- 7 ~~scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only~~
- 8 ~~on the units required by subsections 1 through 7 of this section; and~~
- 9 — ~~(2) — Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and~~
- 10 — ~~4.9. — Receives~~Received~~:~~
- 11 — ~~a. — A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or~~
- 12 — ~~b. — A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended~~
- 13 ~~by the department of career and technical education and approved by the~~
- 14 ~~superintendent of public instruction.~~
- 15 — **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 16 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~
- 17 — **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**
- 18 — ~~Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school~~
- 19 ~~year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student completes~~
- 20 ~~all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.1~~
- 21 ~~for a high school diploma and:~~
- 22 — ~~1. — Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
- 23 ~~composition, and speech;~~
- 24 — ~~2. — Completed three units of mathematics, including:~~
- 25 — ~~a. — Completes one~~One~~ unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public~~
- 26 ~~instruction, in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2-~~
- 27 ~~of section 15.1-21-02.1; and~~
- 28 — ~~b. — Completes one~~One~~ additional unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined~~
- 29 ~~by the superintendent of public instruction, is a prerequisite; and~~
- 30 — ~~c.3. — Completes~~Completed~~ three units of science, including:~~
- 31 — ~~a. — One unit of physical science;~~

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- 1 ~~_____ b. One unit of biology; and~~
- 2 ~~_____ c. (1) One unit of any other science; or~~
- 3 ~~_____ (2) Two one-half units of any other science;~~
- 4 ~~_____ 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:~~
- 5 ~~_____ a. One unit of United States history;~~
- 6 ~~_____ b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;~~
- 7 ~~_____ or~~
- 8 ~~_____ (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
- 9 ~~_____ c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include~~
- 10 ~~_____ civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota~~
- 11 ~~_____ studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
- 12 ~~_____ 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or~~
- 13 ~~_____ b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
- 14 ~~_____ 6. a. Completed:~~
- 15 ~~_____ (1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language;~~
- 16 ~~_____ (2) One unit of fine arts or career and technical education American sign~~
- 17 ~~_____ language; and~~
- 18 ~~_____ (3) b. One unit of a foreign or native selected from:~~
- 19 ~~_____ (1) Foreign languages;~~
- 20 ~~_____ (2) Native American language, fine languages;~~
- 21 ~~_____ (3) American sign language;~~
- 22 ~~_____ (4) Fine arts, or career; or~~
- 23 ~~_____ (5) Career and technical education;~~
- 24 ~~_____ 2. Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;~~
- 25 ~~_____ 3.7. Obtains Completed any five additional units, one of which must be in the area of fine~~
- 26 ~~_____ arts or career and technical education;~~
- 27 ~~_____ 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least "B" 3.0 on a 4.0-~~
- 28 ~~_____ grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction,~~
- 29 ~~_____ based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and~~
- 30 ~~_____ (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or~~

1 ~~b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading~~
2 ~~scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only~~
3 ~~on the units required by subsections 1 through 7 of this section; and~~

4 ~~(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;~~

5 ~~4.9. Receives~~~~Received~~ a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and

6 ~~5.10. a. Completes~~~~Fulfilled~~ any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7
7 ~~of this section by means of an advanced placement course and examination; or~~

8 ~~b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 of this~~
9 ~~section by means of a dual-credit course.~~

10 ~~**SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
11 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

12 ~~**15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship -- Amount -- Applicability.**~~

13 ~~1. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being~~
14 ~~eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic~~
15 ~~scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the~~
16 ~~amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is~~
17 ~~enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and~~
18 ~~maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75. If a student is determined by the~~
19 ~~superintendent of public instruction to have met the requirements for a North Dakota~~
20 ~~career and technical education scholarship or a North Dakota academic scholarship,~~
21 ~~the student is eligible to receive:~~

22 ~~a. At the beginning of the student's first year of higher education, a scholarship in~~
23 ~~the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars, provided the student is enrolled~~
24 ~~full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state; and~~

25 ~~b. At the beginning of the semester marking the student's second year of higher~~
26 ~~education and each semester thereafter, a scholarship in the amount of seven~~
27 ~~hundred fifty dollars, provided that during the immediately preceding semester~~
28 ~~the student:~~

29 ~~(1) Maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.75; and~~

30 ~~(2) Maintained enrollment, throughout the semester, in a minimum of fifteen~~
31 ~~units.~~

1 ~~2. If at the conclusion of the first semester of the student's first year the state board of~~
2 ~~higher education determines that the student was unable to maintain a grade point~~
3 ~~average of 2.75, the board shall forward a letter of warning to the student and~~
4 ~~articulate the consequences with respect to the student's continued eligibility for a~~
5 ~~scholarship.~~

6 ~~3. If at the conclusion of the student's first year, or any semester thereafter, a student has~~
7 ~~failed to meet the requirements for a scholarship, as set forth in subdivision b of~~
8 ~~subsection 1, the student, at the conclusion of the ensuing semester, may apply to the~~
9 ~~state board of higher education for reinstatement of the scholarship, provided the~~
10 ~~student can demonstrate compliance with the requirements of subdivision b of~~
11 ~~subsection 1. However, if a student fails to meet the requirements of subdivision b of~~
12 ~~subsection 1 for a second time, that student may not receive any additional~~
13 ~~scholarships under this section.~~

14 ~~2.4. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars in scholarships~~
15 ~~under this section.~~

16 ~~3.5. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship all scholarships~~
17 ~~under this section directly to the institution in at which the student is enrolled.~~

18 ~~4.6. This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters.~~
19 ~~However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the~~
20 ~~student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to graduate programs.~~

21 ~~5.7. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible student who graduates~~
22 ~~from a high school in this state or from a high school in a bordering state under~~
23 ~~chapter 15.1-29.~~

24 ~~8. The state board of higher education shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure~~
25 ~~that the student meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon~~
26 ~~determining that a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section,~~
27 ~~the board shall provide notification to the student within five days.~~

28 ~~**SECTION 15.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
29 ~~created and enacted as follows:~~

1 ~~— **North Dakota scholarship fund – Biannual transfer – Continuing appropriation.**~~

2 ~~— 1. Once each semester, the state board of higher education shall certify to the state~~
3 ~~treasurer the amount necessary to provide the North Dakota academic scholarships~~
4 ~~and the North Dakota career and technical education scholarships, as set forth in~~
5 ~~sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5.~~

6 ~~— 2. Upon receiving the certification, the state treasurer shall transfer the certified amount~~
7 ~~from the interest and other income of the lands and minerals trust fund to the North~~
8 ~~Dakota scholarship fund.~~

9 ~~— 3. All moneys in the North Dakota scholarship fund are appropriated on a continuing~~
10 ~~basis to the state board of higher education for the exclusive purpose of providing~~
11 ~~North Dakota academic scholarships and North Dakota career and technical education~~
12 ~~scholarships.~~

13 ~~— **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
14 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

15 ~~— **15.1-21-08. Reading, mathematics, and science – Administration of test.**~~

16 ~~— 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer to public school students a~~
17 ~~test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in reading and~~
18 ~~mathematics. This test must be administered to all public school students in at least~~
19 ~~one grade level selected within each of the following grade spans: grades three~~
20 ~~through five; grades six through nine; and grades ten through twelve. Beginning no~~
21 ~~later than the 2005-06 school year and annually thereafter, the superintendent of~~
22 ~~public instruction shall administer the reading and mathematics test annually to all~~
23 ~~public school students in grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and eleven.~~

24 ~~— 2. Beginning no later than the 2007-08 school year and annually thereafter, the~~
25 ~~superintendent of public instruction shall administer a test that is aligned to the state~~
26 ~~content and achievement standards in science. This test must be administered to all~~
27 ~~public school students in at least one grade level selected from three through five; in at~~
28 ~~least one grade level selected from six through nine; and in grade eleven. The~~
29 ~~superintendent of public instruction may not administer the grade eleven test after~~
30 ~~December first of each school year.~~

1 ~~— **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
2 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

3 ~~— **15.1-21-18. Career interest inventory – Educational and career planning –**~~
4 ~~**Consultation.**~~

5 ~~— 1. A school district shall administer to students, once during their enrollment in grade~~
6 ~~seven or eight and once during their enrollment in grade nine or ten, a career interest~~
7 ~~inventory recommended by the department of career and technical education and~~
8 ~~approved by the superintendent of public instruction.~~

9 ~~— 2. At least once during the seventh or eighth grade, each school district shall arrange for~~
10 ~~students to participate in either an individual consultative process or a nine-week~~
11 ~~course, for the purpose of discussing the results of their career interest inventory,~~
12 ~~selecting high school courses appropriate to their educational pursuits and career~~
13 ~~interests, and developing individual high school education plans.~~

14 ~~— 3. Each school district shall notify its high school students that, upon request, a student is~~
15 ~~entitled to receive a consultative review of the student's individual high school~~
16 ~~education plan at least once during each high school grade. Upon the request of a~~
17 ~~student, the school district shall provide the consultative review.~~

18 ~~— 4. Each school district shall verify compliance with the requirements of this section at the~~
19 ~~time and in the manner required by the superintendent of public instruction.~~

20 ~~— **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
21 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

22 ~~— **15.1-21-19. Summative assessment – Selection – Cost – Exemptions.**~~

23 ~~— 1. Except as otherwise provided, each public and nonpublic school student in grade~~
24 ~~eleven shall take the ACT, including the writing test, or three WorkKeys assessments,~~
25 ~~including the writing test, recommended by the department of career and technical~~
26 ~~education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The student shall~~
27 ~~determine which summative assessment to take. The student's school district of~~
28 ~~residence superintendent of public instruction is responsible for the cost of procuring~~
29 ~~and administering one summative assessment and its administration per student.~~

30 ~~— 2. The student's career advisor or guidance counselor shall meet with the student to~~
31 ~~review the student's assessment results.~~

1 ~~3. A school district superintendent or a school administrator in the case of a nonpublic~~
2 ~~school student may exempt a student from the requirements of this section if taking~~
3 ~~the test is not required by the student's individualized education program plan or if~~
4 ~~other special circumstances exist.~~

5 ~~4. If the superintendent of public instruction determines that the cost of the summative~~
6 ~~assessment and its administration can be reduced through use of a state procurement~~
7 ~~process, the superintendent shall work with the school districts to procure and arrange~~
8 ~~for the administration of the assessment and shall withhold each district's share of the~~
9 ~~total cost from any state aid otherwise payable to the district. At the time and in the~~
10 ~~manner determined by the superintendent of public instruction, each school district~~
11 ~~superintendent and each school administrator in the case of a nonpublic school shall~~
12 ~~report the number of eleventh grade students who:~~

13 ~~a. Took the ACT, including the writing test;~~

14 ~~b. Took the three WorkKeys assessments; and~~

15 ~~c. Were exempted from the requirements of this section, together with the reason~~
16 ~~for each exemption.~~

17 ~~**SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
18 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

19 ~~**15.1-22-01. Kindergarten - Establishment by board - Request by parent - Levy.**~~

20 ~~1. Upon its own motion, the The board of a school district may shall establish a free public~~
21 ~~kindergarten.~~

22 ~~2. If the board receives a written request to provide kindergarten from the parent of a~~
23 ~~student who will be enrolled in the kindergarten, the The board shall either provide at~~
24 ~~least a half-day kindergarten program for the student any student enrolled in the district~~
25 ~~or pay the tuition required for the student to attend at least a half-day kindergarten~~
26 ~~program in another school district.~~

27 ~~3. The board of a school district that establishes a kindergarten under this section may~~
28 ~~levy a tax pursuant to subdivision p of subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2.~~

29 ~~**SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
30 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

~~15.1-27-03.1. (Effective through June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership--~~

~~Determination:~~

~~1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:~~

~~a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer program;~~

~~b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;~~

~~c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education program;~~

~~d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;~~

~~e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be least proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~

~~f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high school;~~

~~g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated elementary school;~~

~~h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high school;~~

~~i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~

~~j. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be not proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~

~~k. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood special education program;~~

~~l. 0.07 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to support the provision of special education services;~~

- 1 ~~_____ m. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
2 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are-~~
3 ~~determined to be somewhat proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction-~~
4 ~~for English language learners;~~
- 5 ~~_____ n. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school-~~
6 ~~district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting-~~
7 ~~the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and~~
- 8 ~~_____ o. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to-~~
9 ~~support technology.~~
- 10 ~~_____ 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted-~~
11 ~~average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the-~~
12 ~~district's average daily membership.~~
- 13 ~~_____ **(Effective after June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership -- Determination.**~~
- 14 ~~_____ 1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:~~
- 15 ~~_____ a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer-~~
16 ~~program;~~
- 17 ~~_____ b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended-~~
18 ~~educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;~~
- 19 ~~_____ c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education-~~
20 ~~program;~~
- 21 ~~_____ d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based-~~
22 ~~education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;~~
- 23 ~~_____ e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who on:~~
- 24 ~~_____ (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of~~
25 ~~public instruction are determined to be least proficient and placed in the first-~~
26 ~~of six categories of proficiency; and are~~
- 27 ~~_____ (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~
- 28 ~~_____ f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high-~~
29 ~~school;~~
- 30 ~~_____ g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated-~~
31 ~~elementary school;~~

- 1 ~~h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high-~~
2 ~~school;~~
- 3 ~~i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering-~~
4 ~~state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~
- 5 ~~j.h. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who on:~~
6 ~~(1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of~~
7 ~~public instruction are determined to be not more proficient than students~~
8 ~~placed in the first of six categories of proficiency and therefore placed in the~~
9 ~~second of six categories of proficiency; and are~~
10 ~~(2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~
- 11 ~~k.i. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood-~~
12 ~~special education program;~~
- 13 ~~l.j. 0.070.10 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, if the-~~
14 ~~district has fewer than one hundred students enrolled in average daily-~~
15 ~~membership and the district consists of an area greater than two hundred~~
16 ~~seventy-five square miles [19424.9 hectares], provided that any school district~~
17 ~~consisting of an area greater than six hundred square miles [155399 hectares]~~
18 ~~and enrolling fewer than fifty students in average daily membership must be~~
19 ~~deemed to have an enrollment equal to fifty students in average daily-~~
20 ~~membership;~~
- 21 ~~k. 0.073 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to-~~
22 ~~support the provision of special education services;~~
- 23 ~~m.l. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who on:~~
24 ~~(1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of~~
25 ~~public instruction are determined to be somewhat more proficient and~~
26 ~~are than students placed in the second of six categories of proficiency and~~
27 ~~therefore placed in the third of six categories of proficiency;~~
28 ~~(2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners; and~~
29 ~~(3) Have not been in the third of six categories of proficiency for more than~~
30 ~~three years;~~

1 ~~n.m.~~ 0.025 the number of students representing that percentage of the total number of
2 students in average daily membership which is equivalent to the three-year
3 average percentage of students in grades three through eight who are eligible for
4 free or reduced lunches under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
5 [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.];

6 ~~n.~~ 0.006 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in each
7 public school in the district that:

8 ~~(1) Has acquired and is utilizing the PowerSchool student information system;~~

9 ~~(2) Has acquired and is in the process of implementing the PowerSchool~~
10 ~~student information system; or~~

11 ~~(3) Will acquire the PowerSchool student information system during the current~~
12 ~~school year, provided the acquisition is contractually demonstrated; and~~

13 ~~o.~~ 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school
14 district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting
15 the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and

16 ~~p.~~ 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to
17 support technology.

18 ~~2.~~ The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted
19 average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the
20 district's average daily membership.

21 ~~**SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
22 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

23 ~~**15.1-27-03.1. (Effective through June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership -**~~
24 ~~**Determination.**~~

25 ~~1.~~ For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:

26 ~~a.~~ 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer
27 program;

28 ~~b.~~ 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended
29 educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;

30 ~~c.~~ 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education
31 program;

- 1 ~~_____ d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based~~
2 ~~education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;~~
3 ~~_____ e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
4 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
5 ~~determined to be least proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for~~
6 ~~English language learners;~~
7 ~~_____ f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high-~~
8 ~~school;~~
9 ~~_____ g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated-~~
10 ~~elementary school;~~
11 ~~_____ h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high-~~
12 ~~school;~~
13 ~~_____ i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering~~
14 ~~state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~
15 ~~_____ j. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
16 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
17 ~~determined to be not proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for~~
18 ~~English language learners;~~
19 ~~_____ k. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood-~~
20 ~~special education program;~~
21 ~~_____ l. 0.07 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
22 ~~support the provision of special education services;~~
23 ~~_____ m. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
24 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
25 ~~determined to be somewhat proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction-~~
26 ~~for English language learners;~~
27 ~~_____ n. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school-~~
28 ~~district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting~~
29 ~~the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and~~
30 ~~_____ o. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
31 ~~support technology.~~

1 ~~2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted~~
2 ~~average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the~~
3 ~~district's average daily membership.~~

4 ~~**(Effective after June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership -- Determination.**~~

5 ~~1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:~~

6 ~~a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer~~
7 ~~program;~~

8 ~~b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended~~
9 ~~educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;~~

10 ~~c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education~~
11 ~~program;~~

12 ~~d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based~~
13 ~~education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;~~

14 ~~e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who on:~~

15 ~~(1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of~~
16 ~~public instruction are determined to be least proficient and placed in the first~~
17 ~~of six categories of proficiency; and are~~

18 ~~(2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~

19 ~~f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high~~
20 ~~school;~~

21 ~~g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated~~
22 ~~elementary school;~~

23 ~~h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high~~
24 ~~school;~~

25 ~~i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students in grades six through eight~~
26 ~~enrolled in an alternative education program for at least an average of fifteen~~
27 ~~hours per week;~~

28 ~~h. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering~~
29 ~~state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~

30 ~~j.i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who on;~~

- 1 ~~————— (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of~~
2 ~~public instruction are determined to be not more proficient than students~~
3 ~~placed in the first of six categories of proficiency and therefore placed in the~~
4 ~~second of six categories of proficiency; and are~~
- 5 ~~————— (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~
- 6 ~~————— k.j. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood~~
7 ~~special education program;~~
- 8 ~~————— l.k. 0.070.10 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, if the~~
9 ~~district has fewer than one hundred students enrolled in average daily~~
10 ~~membership and the district consists of an area greater than two hundred~~
11 ~~seventy-five square miles [19424.9 hectares], provided that any school district~~
12 ~~consisting of an area greater than six hundred square miles [155399 hectares]~~
13 ~~and enrolling fewer than fifty students in average daily membership must be~~
14 ~~deemed to have an enrollment equal to fifty students in average daily~~
15 ~~membership;~~
- 16 ~~————— l. 0.073 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
17 ~~support the provision of special education services;~~
- 18 ~~————— m. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who on:~~
- 19 ~~————— (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of~~
20 ~~public instruction are determined to be somewhat more proficient and~~
21 ~~are than students placed in the second of six categories of proficiency;~~
- 22 ~~————— (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners; and~~
- 23 ~~————— (3) Have not been in the third of six categories of proficiency for more than~~
24 ~~three years;~~
- 25 ~~————— n. 0.025 the number of students representing that percentage of the total number of~~
26 ~~students in average daily membership which is equivalent to the three-year~~
27 ~~average percentage of students in grades three through eight who are eligible for~~
28 ~~free or reduced lunches under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act~~
29 ~~[42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.];~~
- 30 ~~————— o. 0.006 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in each~~
31 ~~public school in the district that:~~

1 ~~_____ (1) Has acquired and is utilizing the PowerSchool student information system;~~

2 ~~_____ (2) Has acquired and is in the process of implementing the PowerSchool~~
3 ~~student information system; or~~

4 ~~_____ (3) Will acquire the PowerSchool student information system during the current~~
5 ~~school year, provided the acquisition is contractually demonstrated; and~~

6 ~~_____ p. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school-~~
7 ~~district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting~~
8 ~~the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and~~

9 ~~_____ p. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
10 ~~support technology.~~

11 ~~_____ 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted~~
12 ~~average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the~~
13 ~~district's average daily membership.~~

14 ~~_____ **SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
15 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

16 ~~_____ **15.1-27-04. Per student payment rate.**~~

17 ~~_____ 1. a. The per student payment rate to which each school district is entitled for the first~~
18 ~~year of the biennium is three thousand twonine hundred sixty one dollars.~~

19 ~~_____ b. The per student payment rate to which each school district is entitled for the~~
20 ~~second year of the biennium is three thousand sevennine hundred~~
21 ~~seventy-ninesixty one dollars.~~

22 ~~_____ 2. In order to determine the state aid payment to which each district is entitled, the~~
23 ~~superintendent of public instruction shall multiply each district's weighted student units~~
24 ~~by the per student payment rate set forth in subsection 1.~~

25 ~~_____ **SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
26 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

27 ~~_____ **15.1-27-07.2. Baseline funding – Determination – Minimum and maximum allowable**~~
28 ~~**increases.**~~

29 ~~_____ 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's baseline~~
30 ~~funding per weighted student unit by:~~

1 ~~_____ a. Adding together all state aid received by the district during the 2006-07 school~~
2 ~~year;~~

3 ~~_____ b. Subtracting the amount received by the district during the 2006-07 school year~~
4 ~~for transportation aid, special education excess cost reimbursements, special~~
5 ~~education contracts, prior year funding adjustments, and per student payments~~
6 ~~for participation in educational associations governed by joint powers~~
7 ~~agreements; and~~

8 ~~_____ c. Dividing the amount determined under subdivision b by the district's 2007-08~~
9 ~~weighted student units.~~

10 ~~_____ 2. a. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of~~
11 ~~state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, for the 2009-10 school~~
12 ~~year, is at least equal to one hundred eight percent of the baseline funding per~~
13 ~~weighted student unit, as established in subsection 1.~~

14 ~~_____ b. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of~~
15 ~~state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, for each school year after~~
16 ~~the 2009-10 school year, is at least equal to one hundred twelve and one-half~~
17 ~~percent of the baseline funding per weighted student unit, as established in~~
18 ~~subsection 1.~~

19 ~~_____ 3. a. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of~~
20 ~~state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, less any amount received~~
21 ~~as equity payments under section 15.1-27-11 per weighted student unit, does not~~
22 ~~exceed, for the 2009-10~~2011-12~~ school year, one hundred twentyfour~~two~~~~
23 ~~percent of the baseline funding per weighted student unit, as established in~~
24 ~~subsection 1.~~

25 ~~_____ b. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of~~
26 ~~state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, less any amount received~~
27 ~~as equity payments under section 15.1-27-11 per weighted student unit, does not~~
28 ~~exceed, for each school year after the 2009-10 school year, one hundred~~
29 ~~thirty-four percent of the baseline funding per weighted student unit, as~~
30 ~~established in subsection 1.~~

1 — ~~**SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
2 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

3 — ~~**15.1-27-11. Equity payments.**~~

4 — ~~1. The superintendent of public instruction shall:~~

5 — ~~a. Divide the imputed taxable valuation of the state by the total average daily~~
6 ~~membership of all school districts in the state in order to determine the state~~
7 ~~average imputed taxable valuation per student.~~

8 — ~~b. Divide the imputed taxable valuation of each school district by the district's total~~
9 ~~average daily membership in order to determine each district's average imputed~~
10 ~~taxable valuation per student.~~

11 — ~~2. If a school district's imputed taxable valuation per student is less than ninety percent of~~
12 ~~the statewide imputed taxable valuation per student, the superintendent of public~~
13 ~~instruction shall calculate the valuation deficiency by:~~

14 — ~~a. Determining the difference between ninety percent of the state average imputed~~
15 ~~taxable valuation per student and the district's average imputed taxable valuation~~
16 ~~per student; and~~

17 — ~~b. Multiplying that difference by the district's total average daily membership.~~

18 — ~~3. Except as provided in subsection 4, the equity payment to which a district is entitled~~
19 ~~under this section equals the district's valuation deficiency multiplied by the lesser of:~~

20 — ~~a. The district's general fund levy for the taxable year 2008; or~~

21 — ~~b. One hundred eighty-five mills.~~

22 — ~~4. a. The equity payment to which a district is entitled may not exceed the district's~~
23 ~~taxable valuation multiplied by its general fund levy for the taxable year 2008.~~

24 — ~~b. If a district's general fund levy for the taxable year 2008 is less than one hundred~~
25 ~~eighty-five mills, the superintendent of public instruction shall subtract the~~
26 ~~district's general fund levy for the taxable year 2008 from one hundred eighty-five~~
27 ~~mills, multiply the result by the district's taxable valuation, and subtract that result~~
28 ~~from the equity payment to which the district is otherwise entitled.~~

29 — ~~c. If a district's imputed taxable valuation per student is less than fifty percent of the~~
30 ~~statewide imputed taxable valuation per student, the payment to which the district~~
31 ~~is entitled under this section may not be less than twenty percent of the statewide~~

1 imputed taxable valuation per student times the school district's average daily
2 membership, multiplied by one hundred eighty-five mills.

3 ~~5.~~ In determining the amount to which a school district is entitled under this section, the
4 superintendent of public instruction may not include any payments received by the
5 district as a result of Public Law No. 81-874 [64 Stat. 1100; 20 U.S.C. 236 et seq.] and
6 may not include in the district's average daily membership students who are
7 dependents of members of the armed forces and students who are dependents of
8 civilian employees of the department of defense.

9 ~~6.~~ In determining the statewide average imputed taxable valuation per student for
10 purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction may not include:

11 ~~a.~~ Any school district, which if included in the calculation would have an imputed
12 taxable valuation per student that is three times greater than the statewide
13 average imputed taxable valuation per student; and

14 ~~b.~~ Any school district, which if included in the calculation would have an imputed
15 taxable valuation per student that is less than one fifth of the statewide average
16 imputed taxable valuation per student.

17 ~~7.~~ For purposes of this section:

18 ~~a.~~ "General fund levy" includes a district's high school transportation levy and its
19 high school tuition levy.

20 ~~b.~~ "Imputed taxable valuation" means the valuation of all taxable real property in the
21 district plus:

22 ~~(1)~~ An amount determined by dividing seventy percent of the district's mineral
23 and tuition revenue, revenue from payments in lieu of property taxes on
24 distribution and transmission of electric power, revenue from payments in
25 lieu of taxes from electricity generated from sources other than coal, and
26 revenue received on account of the leasing of lands acquired by the United
27 States for flood control, navigation, and allied purposes in accordance with
28 33 U.S.C. 701c-3 by the district's general fund mill levy for the taxable year
29 2008; and

1 ~~————— (2) An amount determined by dividing the district's revenue from mobile home-~~
2 ~~taxes and telecommunications taxes by the district's general fund mill levy~~
3 ~~for the taxable year 2008.~~

4 ~~————— c. "Mineral revenue" includes all revenue from county sources reported under code~~
5 ~~2000 of the North Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting~~
6 ~~manual as developed by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance~~
7 ~~with section 15.1-02-08.~~

8 ~~————— d. "Tuition revenue" includes all revenue reported under code 1300 of the North~~
9 ~~Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting manual as developed by~~
10 ~~the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08.~~

11 ~~"Tuition revenue" does not include tuition income received specifically for the~~
12 ~~operation of an educational program provided at a residential treatment facility.~~

13 ~~———— **SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-35.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
14 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

15 ~~———— **15.1-27-35.3. (Effective through June 30, 2011) Payments to school districts --**~~
16 ~~**Unobligated general fund balance -- Report to legislative council.**~~

17 ~~———— 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments due a~~
18 ~~school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
19 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of fifty~~
20 ~~percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars. Beginning July 1,~~
21 ~~2008, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments~~
22 ~~due a school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
23 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of~~
24 ~~forty five percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars.~~

25 ~~———— 2. In making the determination required by subsection 1, the superintendent of public~~
26 ~~instruction may not include in a district's unobligated general fund balance any~~
27 ~~moneys that:~~

28 ~~———— a. (1) Were received by the district during the school year ending June 30, 2009,~~
29 ~~on account of the leasing of lands acquired by the United States for flood~~
30 ~~control, navigation, and allied purposes in accordance with 33 U.S.C.~~
31 ~~701c-3; and~~

1 ~~_____ (2) Exceeded the amount received by the district during the school year ending~~
2 ~~June 30, 2008, for the purpose stated in paragraph 1;~~

3 ~~_____ b. Were received directly by the district from the United States government in~~
4 ~~accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; or~~

5 ~~_____ c. Were received by the district as supplemental one-time grants under section 52-~~
6 ~~of S.L. 2009, ch. 175.~~

7 ~~_____ 3. Any district having more than fifty thousand dollars excluded in the determination of its~~
8 ~~ending fund balance, as required by subsection 2, shall provide a report to the~~
9 ~~legislative council. The report, which must be presented at the time and in the manner~~
10 ~~directed by the legislative council, must address how the money was expended,~~
11 ~~including the number of mills by which the district was able to decrease its property~~
12 ~~taxes, if such was a permitted use.~~

13 ~~_____ **(Effective after June 30, 2011) Payments to school districts -- Unobligated general**~~
14 ~~**fund balance.**~~

15 ~~_____ 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments due a~~
16 ~~school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
17 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of fifty~~
18 ~~percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars. Beginning July 1,~~
19 ~~2008, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments~~
20 ~~due a school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
21 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of~~
22 ~~forty-five percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars.~~

23 ~~_____ 2. In making the determination required by subsection 1, the superintendent of public~~
24 ~~instruction may not include in a district's unobligated general fund balance any~~
25 ~~moneys that were received by the district from the federal education jobs fund~~
26 ~~program.~~

27 ~~_____ **SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
28 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

~~15.1-37-01. Early childhood education program -- Approval.~~

~~1. Any person or school district operating an early childhood education program may request approval of the program from the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall approve an early childhood education program if the program:~~

~~1.a. Is taught by individuals who are licensed to teach in early childhood education by the education standards and practices board;~~

~~2.b. Follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum; and~~

~~3.c. Is in compliance with all municipal and state health, fire, and safety requirements; and~~

~~d. Limits its enrollment to children who have reached the age of four before August first of the year of enrollment.~~

~~2. Per student funding will not be provided to individuals or school districts offering a prekindergarten or early childhood education program.~~

~~SECTION 27. ISOLATED SCHOOLS -- TRANSITION PAYMENTS.~~

~~1. If during the 2010-11 school year a school district received payments as a result of section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011, and if that district is not eligible for the factor established under subdivision j of subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-03.1, the district is entitled to the following transition payments:~~

~~a. For the 2011-12 school year, an amount equal to that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011;~~

~~b. For the 2012-13 school year, an amount equal to seventy five percent of that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011;~~

~~c. For the 2013-14 school year, an amount equal to fifty percent of that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011; and~~

~~d. For the 2014-15 school year, an amount equal to twenty five percent of that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011.~~

~~2. Upon the closure of a school that met the definition of isolated under section 15.1-27-15, as it existed on June 30, 2011, the superintendent of public instruction~~

1 shall cease to provide to the district the transition payments established under
2 subsection 1.

3 ~~SECTION 28. TRANSPORTATION GRANTS -- DISTRIBUTION.~~

4 ~~1. During each year of the 2011-13 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction~~
5 ~~shall calculate the payment to which each school district is entitled based on the state~~
6 ~~transportation formula as it existed on June 30, 2001, except that the superintendent~~
7 ~~shall provide reimbursement at the rate of:~~

8 ~~a. One dollar and three cents per mile for schoolbuses having a capacity of ten or~~
9 ~~more passengers;~~

10 ~~b. Forty six cents per mile for vehicles having a capacity of nine or fewer~~
11 ~~passengers;~~

12 ~~c. Forty six cents per mile, one way, provided:~~

13 ~~(1) The student being transported resides more than two miles from the public~~
14 ~~school that the student attends;~~

15 ~~(2) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;~~

16 ~~(3) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;~~
17 ~~and~~

18 ~~(4) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents; and~~

19 ~~d. Twenty six cents per student for each one-way trip.~~

20 ~~2. The superintendent of public instruction shall use the latest available student~~
21 ~~enrollment count in each school district in applying the provisions of subsection 1.~~

22 ~~3. If any moneys provided for transportation payments in the grants transportation line~~
23 ~~item in the appropriation bill for the superintendent of public instruction, as approved~~
24 ~~by the sixty second legislative assembly, remain after application of the formula~~
25 ~~provided for in this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall prorate the~~
26 ~~remaining amounts according to the percentage of the total transportation formula~~
27 ~~amount to which each school district is entitled.~~

28 ~~4. This section does not authorize the reimbursement of any costs incurred in providing~~
29 ~~transportation for student attendance at extracurricular activities or events.~~

30 ~~SECTION 29. USE OF NEW MONEY -- TEACHER COMPENSATION INCREASES --~~
31 ~~REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.~~

1 ~~1. During the 2011-13 biennium, the board of each school district shall use an amount~~
2 ~~equal to at least seventy percent of all new money received by the district for per-~~
3 ~~student payments to increase the compensation paid to teachers and to provide~~
4 ~~compensation to teachers who begin employment with the district on or after July 1,~~
5 ~~2011.~~

6 ~~2. For purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall calculate the~~
7 ~~amount of new money received by a district during the 2011-13 biennium by:~~

8 ~~a. Determining the total amount of state dollars received by each district during the~~
9 ~~2009-11 biennium as per student payments, provided that equity payments,~~
10 ~~transportation payments, contingency distributions, mill levy reduction payments,~~
11 ~~and technology support payments are not to be included in the total;~~

12 ~~b. Determining the total amount of state dollars received by each district during the~~
13 ~~2011-13 biennium as per student payments, provided that the following are not to~~
14 ~~be included in the total:~~

15 ~~(1) Contingent distributions;~~

16 ~~(2) Cross-border attendance moneys;~~

17 ~~(3) Deferred maintenance and physical plant improvements grants;~~

18 ~~(4) Equity payments;~~

19 ~~(5) Federal education jobs funds program moneys;~~

20 ~~(6) Home-based education program monitoring moneys;~~

21 ~~(7) Mill levy reduction payments;~~

22 ~~(8) PowerSchool acquisition, implementation, and utilization moneys;~~

23 ~~(9) Regional education association moneys and grants; and~~

24 ~~(10) Transportation payments; and~~

25 ~~c. Subtracting the amount arrived at under subdivision a from the amount arrived at~~
26 ~~under subdivision b.~~

27 ~~3. School districts providing educational services under a cooperative agreement~~
28 ~~approved by the superintendent of public instruction must, for purposes of this section,~~
29 ~~be treated as a single district.~~

30 ~~4. a. This section does not apply to a school district if the board of the school district,~~
31 ~~after a public hearing at which public testimony and documentary evidence are~~

1 accepted, determines in its discretion and by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of
2 the members of the board that complying with subsection 1 would place the
3 school district in the position of having insufficient fiscal resources to meet the
4 school district's other obligations.

5 ~~b.~~ Within ten days of the vote required by subdivision a, the school board shall
6 notify the superintendent of public instruction of its action and shall file a report
7 detailing the grounds for its determination and action.

8 ~~c.~~ The superintendent of public instruction shall report all notices received under
9 this subsection to the legislative management.

10 ~~**SECTION 30. CONTINGENT MONEY.** If any money appropriated to the superintendent of
11 public instruction for state aid payments to school districts remains after the superintendent
12 complies with all statutory payment obligations imposed for the biennium beginning July 1,
13 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, the superintendent shall use the remaining moneys to provide
14 additional per student payments on a prorated basis according to the latest available average
15 daily membership of each school district.~~

16 ~~**SECTION 31. CONTINGENT TRANSFER BY BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA FOR SPECIAL
17 EDUCATION.** If during the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, the
18 superintendent of public instruction determines that, using all available sources, there are
19 insufficient funds with which to fully reimburse school districts for the excess costs of serving the
20 one percent of special education students statewide who require the greatest school district
21 expenditures in order to be provided with special education and related services, the industrial
22 commission shall transfer from the earnings and accumulated and undivided profits of the Bank
23 of North Dakota the amount the superintendent of public instruction certifies is necessary to
24 provide the statutorily required level of reimbursement. The superintendent of public instruction
25 shall file for introduction legislation requesting that the sixty-third legislative assembly return any
26 amount transferred under this section to the Bank of North Dakota.~~

27 ~~**SECTION 32. ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN -- IMPACT REPORT.** Before December 31,
28 2011, and December 31, 2012, each school district that provided full-day kindergarten during
29 the previous school year shall file a report with the superintendent of public instruction indicating
30 the nature and extent of any measurable academic growth experienced by the students who
31 were enrolled in the program.~~

~~— SECTION 33. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY -- TEACHER COMPENSATION~~

~~REFORM. During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying ways to reform the manner in which teacher compensation is determined, with a view to recruiting, developing, and retaining a high quality teaching workforce capable of significantly improving student performance. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third legislative assembly.~~

~~— SECTION 34. REPEAL. Section 15.1-27-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.~~

~~— SECTION 35. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 21 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.~~

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.

1. During the 2009-10 school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at least one hundred eighty days.
 - a. One hundred seventy-three days must be used for instruction;
 - b. Three days must be used for holidays, as selected by the school board in consultation with district teachers from the list provided for in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-02;
 - c. Up to two days must be used for:
 - (1) Parent-teacher conferences; or
 - (2) Compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences held outside regular school hours; and
 - d. Two days must be used for professional development.
2. ~~During~~Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at least one hundred eighty-one days.
 - a. One hundred seventy-four days must be used for instruction;
 - b. Three days must be used for holidays, as selected by the board in consultation with district teachers from the list provided for in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-02;
 - c. Up to two days must be used for:
 - (1) Parent-teacher conferences; or

- 1 (2) Compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences held outside of regular
- 2 school hours; and
- 3 d. Two days must be used for professional development.
- 4 3. Beginning with the ~~2011-12~~2012-13 school year, a school district shall provide for a
- 5 school calendar of at least one hundred eighty-two days.
- 6 a. One hundred seventy-five days must be used for instruction;
- 7 b. Three days must be used for holidays, as selected by the board in consultation
- 8 with district teachers from the list provided for in subdivisions b through j of
- 9 subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-02;
- 10 c. Up to two days must be used for:
- 11 (1) Parent-teacher conferences; or
- 12 (2) Compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences held outside of regular
- 13 school hours; and
- 14 d. Two days must be used for professional development.
- 15 4. A day for professional development must consist of:
- 16 a. Six hours of professional development, exclusive of meals and other breaks,
- 17 conducted within a single day; or
- 18 b. Two four-hour periods of professional development, exclusive of meals and other
- 19 breaks, conducted over two days.
- 20 5. If a school district offers a four-hour period of professional development, as permitted
- 21 in subdivision b of subsection 4, the school district may schedule instruction during
- 22 other available hours on that same day and be credited with providing one-half day of
- 23 instruction to students. This subsection does not apply unless the one-half day of
- 24 instruction equals at least one-half of the time required for a full day of instruction, as
- 25 defined in this section.
- 26 6. a. In meeting the requirements for two days of professional development under this
- 27 section, a school district may require that its teachers attend the North Dakota
- 28 education association instructional conference and may pay teachers for
- 29 attending the conference, provided their attendance is verified.
- 30 b. In meeting the requirements for two days of professional development under this
- 31 section, a school district may consider attendance at the North Dakota education

1 association instructional conference to be optional, elect not to pay teachers for
2 attending the instructional conference, and instead direct any resulting savings
3 toward providing alternate professional development opportunities.

4 c. A school district may not require the attendance of teachers in school or at any
5 school-sponsored, school-directed, school-sanctioned, or school-related activities
6 and may not schedule classroom instruction time nor alternate professional
7 development activities on any day that conflicts with the North Dakota education
8 association instructional conference.

9 7. Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, if a school district elects to provide an
10 optional third day of professional development, the school district shall do so by:

11 a. Meeting the requirements for a day of professional development as set forth in
12 subsection 4; or

13 b. Shortening four instructional days, for the purpose of providing for two-hour
14 periods of professional development, provided:

15 (1) Each instructional day on which such professional development occurs
16 includes at least four hours of instruction for kindergarten and elementary
17 students and four and one-half hours for high school students;

18 (2) The instructional time for each course normally scheduled on that day is
19 reduced proportionately or the daily schedule is reconfigured to ensure that
20 the same course is not subject to early dismissal more than one time per
21 school calendar, as a result of this subdivision; and

22 (3) All teachers having a class dismissed as a result of this subdivision are
23 required to be in attendance and participate in the professional
24 development.

25 8. a. If a school's calendar provides for an extension of each schoolday beyond the
26 statutorily required minimum number of hours, and if the extensions when
27 aggregated over an entire school year amount to more than eighty-four hours of
28 additional classroom instruction during the school year, the school is exempt from
29 having to make up six hours of instruction time lost as a result of weather-related
30 closure. In order to make up lost classroom instruction time beyond the six hours,
31 the school must extend its normal school calendar day by at least thirty minutes.

1 b. A school that does not qualify under the provisions of this subsection must extend
2 its normal schoolday by at least thirty minutes to make up classroom instruction
3 time lost as a result of weather-related closure.

4 c. If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of
5 instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions
6 of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of
7 classroom instruction.

8 9. For purposes of this section, a full day of instruction consists of:

9 a. At least five and one-half hours for kindergarten and elementary students, during
10 which time the students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of
11 receiving curricular instruction; and

12 b. At least six hours for high school students, during which time the students are
13 required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving curricular instruction.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **15.1-07-33. Student information system - Statewide coordination - Financial support -**
17 **Exemption.**

18 1. Notwithstanding any other technology requirements imposed by the superintendent of
19 public instruction, the information technology department, or the North Dakota
20 educational technology council, each school district shall acquire PowerSchool
21 through the information technology department and use it as its principal student
22 information system.

23 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall forward that portion of a school district's
24 state aid which is payable by the superintendent under subdivision n of subsection 1 of
25 section 15.1-27-03.1 directly to the information technology department to reimburse
26 the department for the cost of the school district's acquisition, implementation, or
27 utilization of PowerSchool and any related technology support services. The
28 superintendent shall forward the amount payable under this subsection at the same
29 time and in the same manner as provided for other state aid payments under section
30 15.1-27-01.

1 3. If the portion of a school district's state aid forwarded to the information technology
2 department under subsection 2 exceeds the cost incurred by the information
3 technology department in providing for the school district's acquisition,
4 implementation, or utilization of PowerSchool and any related technology support
5 services, the information technology department shall return the excess moneys to the
6 superintendent of public instruction for redistribution to the school district as per
7 student payments.

8 4. The superintendent of public instruction may exempt a school district from having to
9 acquire and utilize PowerSchool if the school district demonstrates that, in accordance
10 with requirements of the bureau of Indian education, the district has acquired and is
11 utilizing a student information system that is determined to be comparable by the
12 superintendent.

13 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **15.1-09-58. ~~Prekindergarten program~~Early childhood education - Authorization -**
16 **Support.**

17 The board of a school district may establish ~~a prekindergarten~~an early childhood program
18 and may ~~receive and expend any state moneys specifically appropriated for the program, any~~
19 ~~federal funds~~support that program with:

20 1. Local tax revenues, other than those necessary to support the district's kindergarten
21 program and the district's provision of elementary and high school educational
22 services;

23 2. Federal moneys specifically appropriated or approved for the program; ~~and any gifts~~

24 3. Gifts, grants, and donations specifically given for the program.

25 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **15.1-09.1-02. Regional education association - Joint powers agreement - Review by**
28 **superintendent of public instruction - Criteria.**

29 ~~Before~~In order for a group of school districts ~~may~~to be designated as a regional education
30 association, the superintendent of public instruction shall review the joint powers agreement
31 that the districts have entered and verify that: the requirements of this section have been met.

- 1 1. The school districts must:
 - 2 a. Have a combined total land mass of at least five thousand eight hundred square
3 miles [1502193 hectares];
 - 4 b. (1) Have a combined total land mass of at least four thousand five hundred
5 square miles [1165494 hectares]; and
6 (2) Number at least twelve;
 - 7 c. (1) Have a combined total land mass of at least four thousand square miles
8 [1035995 hectares]; and
9 (2) Have at least three thousand students in average daily membership; or
 - 10 d. (1) Have a combined total land mass of at least one thousand five hundred
11 square miles [388498 hectares]; and
12 (2) Have at least seven thousand five hundred students in average daily
13 membership.
- 14 2. The school districts are must be contiguous to each other or, if the districts are not
15 contiguous to each other, the superintendent of public instruction shall verify that the
16 participating districts can provide sound educational opportunities to their students in a
17 fiscally responsible manner without injuring other school districts or regional education
18 associations and without negatively impacting the ability of other school districts or
19 regional education associations to provide sound educational opportunities to their
20 students in a fiscally responsible manner. A decision by the superintendent of public
21 instruction under this subsection may be appealed to the state board of public school
22 education. A decision by the state board is final.
- 23 3. The joint powers agreement requires must require that the participating school districts
24 maintain a joint operating fund ~~and share various administrative functions and student~~
25 ~~services in accordance with subsection 4.~~
- 26 4. ~~a. During the first two school years in which a regional education association is~~
27 ~~operational, each participating school district shall share in at least two~~
28 ~~administrative functions and two student services, selected by the district.~~
29 ~~b. During the third and fourth school years in which a regional education association~~
30 ~~is operational, each participating school district shall share in at least three~~
31 ~~administrative functions and three student services, selected by the district.~~

1 ~~c. During the fifth school year in which a regional education association is~~
2 ~~operational, and each year thereafter, each participating school district shall~~
3 ~~share at least five administrative functions and five student services, selected by~~
4 ~~the district.~~

5 ~~d. For purposes of this subsection:~~

6 ~~(1) "Administrative functions" means:~~

7 ~~(a) Business management;~~

8 ~~(b) Career and technical education services management;~~

9 ~~(c) Curriculum mapping or development;~~

10 ~~(d) Data analysis;~~

11 ~~(e) Federal program support;~~

12 ~~(f) Federal title program management;~~

13 ~~(g) Grant writing;~~

14 ~~(h) School improvement;~~

15 ~~(i) School safety and environment management;~~

16 ~~(j) Special education services management;~~

17 ~~(k) Staff development;~~

18 ~~(l) Staff retention and recruitment;~~

19 ~~(m) Staff sharing;~~

20 ~~(n) Technology support; and~~

21 ~~(o) Any other functions approved by the superintendent of public~~
22 ~~instruction.~~

23 ~~(2) "Student services" means:~~

24 ~~(a) Advanced placement classes;~~

25 ~~(b) Alternative high schools or alternative high school programs;~~

26 ~~(c) Career and technical education classes;~~

27 ~~(d) Counseling services;~~

28 ~~(e) Common elementary curricula;~~

29 ~~(f) Distance learning classes;~~

30 ~~(g) Dual credit classes;~~

31 ~~(h) Foreign language classes;~~

- 1 ~~(i) Library and media services;~~
2 ~~(j) Summer programs;~~
3 ~~(k) Supplemental instruction programs; and~~
4 ~~(l) Any other services approved by the superintendent of public-~~
5 ~~instruction.~~
6 ~~e. For purposes of this subsection, if a regional education association became-~~
7 ~~operational before July 1, 2005, the 2005-06 school year must be considered the~~
8 ~~provider's first year of operation.~~
9 ~~5.~~ The joint powers agreement ~~provides~~must provide:
10 a. Criteria for the future participation of school districts that were not parties to the
11 original joint powers agreement;
12 b. An application process by which school districts that were not parties to the
13 original joint powers agreement can become participating districts; and
14 c. A process by which school districts that were not parties to the original joint
15 powers agreement and whose application to participate in the agreement was
16 denied can appeal the decision to the superintendent of public instruction.
17 ~~6.5.~~ The joint powers agreement ~~provides~~must provide for the employment and
18 compensation of staff.
19 ~~7.6.~~ The joint powers agreement must:
20 a. ~~Establishes~~Establish the number of members on the governing board;
21 b. ~~Establishes~~Establish the manner in which members of the governing board are
22 determined;
23 c. ~~Requires all members~~Require that each member of the governing board ~~or their-~~
24 ~~designees to be individuals~~be an individual currently serving on the board of a
25 participating school district or the designee of a participating school district's
26 board; and
27 d. ~~Allows~~Allow for the inclusion of ex officio nonvoting members on the governing
28 board.
29 ~~8.7.~~ The joint powers agreement ~~provides~~must provide that the board of the regional
30 education association shall meet at least quarterly.

1 9.8. The joint powers agreement ~~does~~may not permit the regional education association to
2 compensate members of the regional education association board for attending
3 meetings of the board and does not permit the regional education association to
4 reimburse members of the board for any expenses incurred in attending meetings of
5 the board.

6 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Regional education association - Services to be offered.**

9 1. In order to be eligible for state funding, a regional education association must offer the
10 following services to its member districts:

11 a. Coordination and facilitation of professional development activities for teachers

12 and administrators employed by its member districts;

13 b. Supplementation of technology support services;

14 c. Assistance with achieving school improvement goals identified by the
15 superintendent of public instruction;

16 d. Assistance with the collection, analysis, and interpretation of student
17 achievement data; and

18 e. Assistance with the expansion and enrichment of curricular offerings.

19 2. Subsection 1 does not preclude a regional education association from offering
20 additional services to its member districts.

21 **SECTION 6.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 created and enacted as follows:

23 **Professional development advisory committee - Reimbursement of members.**

24 Each member of the professional development advisory committee is entitled to receive
25 reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending
26 committee meetings, except that no member may receive reimbursement under this section for
27 more than three committee meetings during each year of the biennium.

28 **SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
29 created and enacted as follows:

30 **Teacher support program - Establishment.**

31 The education standards and practices board shall:

1. Establish and administer a teacher support program;
2. Employ an individual to serve as a teacher support program coordinator;
3. a. Select and train experienced teachers who will serve as mentors for first-year teachers and assist the first-year teachers with instructional skills development;
4. or
5. b. If a school district or other employing entity listed in section 9 of this Act is not in need of mentors for its first-year teachers, select and train experienced teachers who will work with school district administrators and administrators from the other employing entities to identify the needs of the non-first-year teachers and help the non-first-year teachers address their particular needs through the use of:
 6. (1) Research-validated interventions; and
 7. (2) Proven instructional methods.

13 **SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 created and enacted as follows:

15 **Teacher support program - Availability of services.**

16 The education standards and practices board may use any moneys it receives for the
17 teacher support program to provide staff compensation, training, evaluation, and stipends for
18 mentors and experienced teachers who assist first-year and non-first-year teachers participating
19 in the program, and to pay for any other administrative expenses resulting from the program;
20 provided, however, that the board may not expend more than five percent of the moneys for
21 administrative purposes.

22 **SECTION 9.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 created and enacted as follows:

24 **Teacher support program - Authorized service recipients.**

25 The education standards and practices board may provide support services to teachers
26 employed by:

- 27 1. School districts;
- 28 2. Special education units;
- 29 3. Area career and technology centers;
- 30 4. Regional education associations; and
- 31 5. Schools funded by the bureau of Indian education.

1 **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **15.1-21-02.1. High school ~~graduation~~ diploma - Minimum requirements.**

4 Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, before a school district, a nonpublic high
5 school, or the center for distance education issues a high school diploma to a student, the
6 student must have successfully completed ~~the following twenty-two units of high school~~
7 ~~coursework:~~

8 ~~1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
9 ~~composition, and speech;~~

10 ~~2. Three units of mathematics;~~

11 ~~3. Three units of science, including:~~

12 ~~a. One unit of physical science;~~

13 ~~b. One unit of biology; and~~

14 ~~c. (1) One unit of any other science; or~~

15 ~~(2) Two one-half units of any other science;~~

16 ~~4. Three units of social studies, including:~~

17 ~~a. One unit of United States history;~~

18 ~~b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;~~

19 ~~or~~

20 ~~(2) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~

21 ~~c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include~~
22 ~~civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota~~
23 ~~studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~

24 ~~5. a. One unit of physical education; or~~

25 ~~b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~

26 ~~6. Three units of:~~

27 ~~a. Foreign languages;~~

28 ~~b. Native American languages;~~

29 ~~c. Fine arts; or~~

30 ~~d. Career and technical education courses; and~~

31 ~~7. Any five additional units.~~

1 1. The twenty-two units of high school coursework set forth in section 11 of this Act; and

2 2. Any additional units of high school coursework required by the issuing entity.

3 **SECTION 11.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **High school graduation - Minimum requirements.**

6 Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, the following twenty-two units of high school
7 coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school graduation:

8 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
9 composition, and speech;

10 2. Three units of mathematics;

11 3. Three units of science, including:

12 a. One unit of physical science;

13 b. One unit of biology; and

14 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or

15 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;

16 4. Three units of social studies, including:

17 a. One unit of United States history;

18 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;

19 or

20 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and

21 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include

22 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota

23 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;

24 5. a. One unit of physical education; or

25 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;

26 6. Three units of:

27 a. Foreign languages;

28 b. Native American languages;

29 c. Fine arts; or

30 d. Career and technical education courses; and

31 7. Any five additional units.

1 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

4 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
5 year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided
6 the student ~~completes all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of~~
7 ~~section 15.1-21-02.1 for a high school diploma and:~~

- 8 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
9 composition, and speech;
- 10 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
 - 11 a. ~~Completes one~~One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public
12 instruction, ~~in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2-~~
13 ~~of section 15.1-21-02.1; and~~
 - 14 b. ~~Completes two~~Two units of any other mathematics;
- 15 3. Completed three units of science, including:
 - 16 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 17 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 18 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
19 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 20 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
 - 21 a. One unit of United States history;
 - 22 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
23 or
24 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
 - 25 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
26 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
27 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 28 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
29 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 30 6. Completed:
 - 31 a. One unit selected from:

- 1 (1) Foreign languages;
- 2 (2) Native American languages;
- 3 (3) American sign language;
- 4 (4) Fine arts; or
- 5 (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- 6 b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of
7 career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public
8 instruction; ~~and~~
- 9 ~~e.7.~~ Completes threeCompleted any five additional units, two of which must be in the area
10 of career and technical education;
- 11 ~~2.~~ Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;
- 12 ~~3.8.~~ a. (1) ObtainsObtained a cumulative grade point average of at least "B"3.0 on a
13 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction,
14 based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
15 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 16 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
17 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
18 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7 of this section; and
19 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and
- 20 ~~4.9.~~ ReceivesReceived:
- 21 a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
- 22 b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended
23 by the department of career and technical education and approved by the
24 superintendent of public instruction.

25 **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

28 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
29 year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student ~~completes~~
30 ~~all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.1~~
31 ~~for a high school diploma and:~~

- 1 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
2 composition, and speech;
- 3 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
4 a. ~~Completes one~~One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public
5 instruction, ~~in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2-~~
6 ~~of section 15.1-21-02.1; and~~
- 7 b. ~~Completes one additional~~One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined
8 by the superintendent of public instruction, is a prerequisite; ~~and~~
- 9 ~~e.3.~~ Completed three units of science, including:
10 a. One unit of physical science;
11 b. One unit of biology; and
12 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
13 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 14 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
15 a. One unit of United States history;
16 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
17 or
18 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
19 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
20 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
21 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 22 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
23 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 24 6. a. Completed:
25 (1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
26 (2) ~~One unit of fine arts or career and technical education~~American sign
27 language; and
28 ~~(3)~~b. One unit of a foreign or native selected from:
29 (1) Foreign languages;
30 (2) Native American language, fine languages;
31 (3) American sign language;

- 1 ~~(4) Fine arts, or career; or~~
2 ~~(5) Career and technical education;~~
3 ~~2. Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;~~
4 ~~3.7. Obtains~~ Completed any five additional units, one of which must be in the area of fine
5 arts or career and technical education;
6 ~~8. a. (1) Obtained~~ a cumulative grade point ~~average~~ of at least "B"3.0 on a 4.0
7 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction,
8 based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
9 ~~(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or~~
10 ~~b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading~~ scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
11 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7 of this section; and
12 ~~(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;~~
13 ~~4.9. Receives~~ Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
14 ~~5.10. a. Completes~~ Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7
15 of this section by means of an advanced placement course and examination; or
16 ~~b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 of this~~ section by means of a dual-credit course.

19 **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 22 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
23 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
24 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
25 scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during
26 which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher
27 education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
28 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
29 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
30 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
31 scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which

the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

2. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.

3. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.

4. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters.

(2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive quarters.

b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to graduate programs.

5. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible student who graduates from a high school in this state or from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29.

SECTION 15. A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.

1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next semester in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.

b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota scholarships.

2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the

North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.

b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota scholarships.

SECTION 16. A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota scholarship fund - Biannual transfer - Continuing appropriation.

1. Once each semester, the state board of higher education shall certify to the state treasurer the amount necessary to provide the North Dakota academic scholarships and the North Dakota career and technical education scholarships, as set forth in sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5.
2. Upon receiving the certification, the state treasurer shall transfer the certified amount from the interest and other income of the lands and minerals trust fund to the North Dakota scholarship fund.
3. All moneys in the North Dakota scholarship fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the state board of higher education for the exclusive purpose of providing North Dakota academic scholarships and North Dakota career and technical education scholarships.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-08. Reading, mathematics, and science - Administration of test.

1. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer to public school students a test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in reading and mathematics. This test must be administered ~~to all public school students in at least one grade level selected within each of the following grade spans: grades three through five; grades six through nine; and grades ten through twelve. Beginning no later than the 2005-06 school year and annually thereafter, the superintendent of~~

~~public instruction shall administer the reading and mathematics test~~annually to all public school students in grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and eleven.

2. ~~Beginning no later than the 2007-08 school year and annually thereafter, the~~The superintendent of public instruction shall administer a test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in science. This test must be administered to all public school students in at least one grade level selected from three through five; in at least one grade level selected from six through nine; and in grade eleven. The superintendent of public instruction may not administer the grade eleven test after December first of each school year.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-18. Career interest inventory - Educational and career planning - Consultation.

1. A school district shall administer to students, once during their enrollment in grade seven or eight and once during their enrollment in grade nine or ten, a career interest inventory recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
2. At least once during the seventh or eighth grade, each school district shall arrange for students to participate in either an individual consultative process or a nine-week course, for the purpose of discussing the results of their career interest inventory, selecting high school courses appropriate to their educational pursuits and career interests, and developing individual high school education plans.
3. Each school district shall notify its high school students that, upon request, a student is entitled to receive a consultative review of the student's individual high school education plan at least once during each high school grade. Upon the request of a student, the school district shall provide the consultative review.
4. Each school district shall verify compliance with the requirements of this section at the time and in the manner required by the superintendent of public instruction.

SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-19. Summative assessment - Selection - Cost - Exemptions.

1. Except as otherwise provided, each public and nonpublic school student in grade eleven shall take the ACT, including the writing test, or three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The student shall determine which summative assessment to take. The ~~student's school district of residence~~superintendent of public instruction is responsible for the cost of procuring and administering one summative assessment ~~and its administration~~ per student.
2. The student's career advisor or guidance counselor shall meet with the student to review the student's assessment results.
3. A school district superintendent or a school administrator in the case of a nonpublic school student may exempt a student from the requirements of this section if taking the test is not required by the student's individualized education program plan or if other special circumstances exist.
4. ~~If the superintendent of public instruction determines that the cost of the summative assessment and its administration can be reduced through use of a state procurement process, the superintendent shall work with the school districts to procure and arrange for the administration of the assessment and shall withhold each district's share of the total cost from any state aid otherwise payable to the district.~~At the time and in the manner determined by the superintendent of public instruction, each school district superintendent and each school administrator in the case of a nonpublic school shall report the number of eleventh grade students who:
 - a. Took the ACT, including the writing test;
 - b. Took the three WorkKeys assessments; and
 - c. Were exempted from the requirements of this section, together with the reason for each exemption.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-22-01. Kindergarten - Establishment by board - Request by parent - Levy.

1. ~~Upon its own motion, the~~The board of a school district ~~may establish a free public kindergarten.~~

1 ~~2. If the board receives a written request to provide kindergarten from the parent of a~~
2 ~~student who will be enrolled in the kindergarten, the board~~ shall either provide at least
3 a half-day kindergarten program for ~~the student~~any student enrolled in the district or
4 pay the tuition required for the student to attend at least a half-day kindergarten
5 program in another school district.

6 ~~3.2.~~ The board of a school district that establishes a kindergarten under this section may
7 levy a tax pursuant to subdivision p of subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2.

8 **SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 ~~15.1-27-03.1. (Effective through June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership~~
11 ~~Determination:~~

12 ~~1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:~~

13 ~~a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer~~
14 ~~program;~~

15 ~~b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended~~
16 ~~educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;~~

17 ~~c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education~~
18 ~~program;~~

19 ~~d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based~~
20 ~~education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;~~

21 ~~e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
22 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
23 ~~determined to be least proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for~~
24 ~~English language learners;~~

25 ~~f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high~~
26 ~~school;~~

27 ~~g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated~~
28 ~~elementary school;~~

29 ~~h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high~~
30 ~~school;~~

- ~~i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~
 - ~~j. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be not proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~
 - ~~k. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood special education program;~~
 - ~~l. 0.07 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to support the provision of special education services;~~
 - ~~m. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are determined to be somewhat proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;~~
 - ~~n. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and~~
 - ~~o. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to support technology.~~
 - ~~2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the district's average daily membership.~~
- (Effective after June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership - Determination.**
1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:
 - a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer program;
 - b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;
 - c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education program;

- 1 d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based
2 education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;
- 3 e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who ~~are~~;
4 (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of
5 public instruction are determined to be least proficient and placed in the first
6 of six categories of proficiency; and ~~are~~
7 (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;
- 8 f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high
9 school;
- 10 g. ~~0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated-~~
11 ~~elementary school;~~
- 12 ~~h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high-~~
13 ~~school;~~
- 14 ~~i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering~~
15 ~~state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~
- 16 ~~j-h.~~ 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who ~~are~~;
17 (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of
18 public instruction are determined to be ~~not~~more proficient than students
19 placed in the first of six categories of proficiency and therefore placed in the
20 second of six categories of proficiency; and ~~are~~
21 (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;
- 22 ~~k-i.~~ 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood
23 special education program;
- 24 ~~t-j.~~ 0.070.10 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, if the
25 district has fewer than one hundred students enrolled in average daily
26 membership and the district consists of an area greater than two hundred
27 seventy-five square miles [19424.9 hectares], provided that any school district
28 consisting of an area greater than six hundred square miles [155399 hectares]
29 and enrolling fewer than fifty students in average daily membership must be
30 deemed to have an enrollment equal to fifty students in average daily
31 membership;

- 1 k. 0.073 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to
2 support the provision of special education services;
- 3 ~~m.l.~~ 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who ~~on~~;
4 (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of
5 public instruction are determined to be ~~somewhat~~more proficient ~~and~~
6 are than students placed in the second of six categories of proficiency and
7 therefore placed in the third of six categories of proficiency;
8 (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners; and
9 (3) Have not been in the third of six categories of proficiency for more than
10 three years;
- 11 ~~n.m.~~ 0.025 the number of students representing that percentage of the total number of
12 students in average daily membership which is equivalent to the three-year
13 average percentage of students in grades three through eight who are eligible for
14 free or reduced lunches under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
15 [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.];
- 16 n. 0.006 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in each
17 public school in the district that:
18 (1) Has acquired and is utilizing the PowerSchool student information system;
19 (2) Has acquired and is in the process of implementing the PowerSchool
20 student information system; or
21 (3) Will acquire the PowerSchool student information system during the current
22 school year, provided the acquisition is contractually demonstrated; and
- 23 o. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school
24 district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting
25 the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1 ~~and~~
- 26 ~~p. 0.002~~ the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to
27 ~~support technology;.~~
- 28 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted
29 average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the
30 district's average daily membership.

1 **SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 ~~15.1-27-03.1. (Effective through June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership--~~
4 **Determination:**

- 5 ~~1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:~~
- 6 ~~a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer-~~
7 ~~program;~~
 - 8 ~~b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended-~~
9 ~~educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;~~
 - 10 ~~c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education-~~
11 ~~program;~~
 - 12 ~~d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based-~~
13 ~~education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;~~
 - 14 ~~e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
15 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
16 ~~determined to be least proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for~~
17 ~~English language learners;~~
 - 18 ~~f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high-~~
19 ~~school;~~
 - 20 ~~g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated-~~
21 ~~elementary school;~~
 - 22 ~~h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high-~~
23 ~~school;~~
 - 24 ~~i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering-~~
25 ~~state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;~~
 - 26 ~~j. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
27 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
28 ~~determined to be not proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction for~~
29 ~~English language learners;~~
 - 30 ~~k. 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood-~~
31 ~~special education program;~~

- 1 ~~l. 0.07 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
2 ~~support the provision of special education services;~~
- 3 ~~m. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who on a test of English-~~
4 ~~language proficiency approved by the superintendent of public instruction are~~
5 ~~determined to be somewhat proficient and are enrolled in a program of instruction~~
6 ~~for English language learners;~~
- 7 ~~n. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school~~
8 ~~district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting~~
9 ~~the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and~~
- 10 ~~o. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
11 ~~support technology.~~
- 12 ~~2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted~~
13 ~~average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the~~
14 ~~district's average daily membership.~~
- 15 ~~**(Effective after June 30, 2011) Weighted average daily membership - Determination.**~~
- 16 1. For each school district, the superintendent of public instruction shall multiply by:
- 17 a. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a migrant summer
18 program;
- 19 b. 1.00 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an extended
20 educational program in accordance with section 15.1-32-17;
- 21 c. 0.60 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a summer education
22 program;
- 23 d. 0.50 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a home-based
24 education program and monitored by the school district under chapter 15.1-23;
- 25 e. 0.30 the number of full-time equivalent students who ~~on~~;
- 26 ~~(1) On~~ a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of
27 public instruction are determined to be least proficient ~~and placed in the first~~
28 ~~of six categories of proficiency;~~ and ~~are~~
- 29 ~~(2) Are~~ enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;
- 30 f. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative high
31 school;

- 1 g. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated
2 elementary school;
- 3 h. 0.25 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an isolated high
4 school;
- 5 i. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students in grades six through eight
6 enrolled in an alternative education program for at least an average of fifteen
7 hours per week;
- 8 h. 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students attending school in a bordering
9 state in accordance with section 15.1-29-01;
- 10 ~~j.i.~~ 0.20 the number of full-time equivalent students who ~~on~~;
11 (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of
12 public instruction are determined to be ~~not~~more proficient than students
13 placed in the first of six categories of proficiency and therefore placed in the
14 second of six categories of proficiency; and ~~are~~
- 15 (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners;
- 16 ~~k.j.~~ 0.17 the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an early childhood
17 special education program;
- 18 ~~l.k.~~ 0.070.10 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, if the
19 district has fewer than one hundred students enrolled in average daily
20 membership and the district consists of an area greater than two hundred
21 seventy-five square miles [19424.9 hectares], provided that any school district
22 consisting of an area greater than six hundred square miles [155399 hectares]
23 and enrolling fewer than fifty students in average daily membership must be
24 deemed to have an enrollment equal to fifty students in average daily
25 membership;
- 26 l. 0.073 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to
27 support the provision of special education services;
- 28 m. 0.07 the number of full-time equivalent students who ~~on~~;
29 (1) On a test of English language proficiency approved by the superintendent of
30 public instruction are determined to be ~~somewhat~~more proficient ~~and~~
31 arethan students placed in the second of six categories of proficiency;

1 (2) Are enrolled in a program of instruction for English language learners; and

2 (3) Have not been in the third of six categories of proficiency for more than
3 three years;

4 n. 0.025 the number of students representing that percentage of the total number of
5 students in average daily membership which is equivalent to the three-year
6 average percentage of students in grades three through eight who are eligible for
7 free or reduced lunches under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
8 [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.];

9 o. 0.006 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in each
10 public school in the district that:

11 (1) Has acquired and is utilizing the PowerSchool student information system;

12 (2) Has acquired and is in the process of implementing the PowerSchool
13 student information system; or

14 (3) Will acquire the PowerSchool student information system during the current
15 school year, provided the acquisition is contractually demonstrated; and

16 p. 0.004 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership in a school
17 district that is a participating member of a regional education association meeting
18 the requirements of chapter 15.1-09.1; and

19 ~~p. 0.002 the number of students enrolled in average daily membership, in order to~~
20 ~~support technology.~~

21 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's weighted
22 average daily membership by adding the products derived under subsection 1 to the
23 district's average daily membership.

24 **SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **15.1-27-04. Per student payment rate.**

27 1. a. The per student payment rate to which each school district is entitled for the first
28 year of the biennium is three thousand ~~twonine~~ hundred ~~thirty~~ dollars.

29 b. The per student payment rate to which each school district is entitled for the
30 second year of the biennium is three thousand ~~seven~~nine hundred
31 ~~seventy-nine~~seventy dollars.

- 1 2. In order to determine the state aid payment to which each district is entitled, the
2 superintendent of public instruction shall multiply each district's weighted student units
3 by the per student payment rate set forth in subsection 1.

4 **SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-27-07.2. Baseline funding - Determination - Minimum and maximum allowable**
7 **increases.**

- 8 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine each school district's baseline
9 funding per weighted student unit by:
- 10 a. Adding together all state aid received by the district during the 2006-07 school
11 year;
- 12 b. Subtracting the amount received by the district during the 2006-07 school year
13 for transportation aid, special education excess cost reimbursements, special
14 education contracts, prior year funding adjustments, and per student payments
15 for participation in educational associations governed by joint powers
16 agreements; and
- 17 c. Dividing the amount determined under subdivision b by the district's 2007-08
18 weighted student units.
- 19 2. a. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of
20 state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, for the 2009-10 school
21 year, is at least equal to one hundred eight percent of the baseline funding per
22 weighted student unit, as established in subsection 1.
- 23 b. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of
24 state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, for each school year after
25 the 2009-10 school year, is at least equal to one hundred twelve and one-half
26 percent of the baseline funding per weighted student unit, as established in
27 subsection 1.
- 28 3. ~~a.~~—The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of
29 state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, less any amount received
30 as equity payments under section 15.1-27-11 per weighted student unit, does not
31 exceed, for the ~~2009-10~~2011-12 school year, one hundred ~~twenty~~forty-two

1 percent of the baseline funding per weighted student unit, as established in
2 subsection 1.

3 ~~b. The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that the total amount of~~
4 ~~state aid payable to a district per weighted student unit, less any amount received~~
5 ~~as equity payments under section 15.1-27-11 per weighted student unit, does not~~
6 ~~exceed, for each school year after the 2009-10 school year, one hundred~~
7 ~~thirty-four percent of the baseline funding per weighted student unit, as~~
8 ~~established in subsection 1.~~

9 **SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **15.1-27-11. Equity payments.**

- 12 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall:
- 13 a. Divide the imputed taxable valuation of the state by the total average daily
14 membership of all school districts in the state in order to determine the state
15 average imputed taxable valuation per student.
- 16 b. Divide the imputed taxable valuation of each school district by the district's total
17 average daily membership in order to determine each district's average imputed
18 taxable valuation per student.
- 19 2. If a school district's imputed taxable valuation per student is less than ninety percent of
20 the statewide imputed taxable valuation per student, the superintendent of public
21 instruction shall calculate the valuation deficiency by:
- 22 a. Determining the difference between ninety percent of the state average imputed
23 taxable valuation per student and the district's average imputed taxable valuation
24 per student; and
- 25 b. Multiplying that difference by the district's total average daily membership.
- 26 3. Except as provided in subsection 4, the equity payment to which a district is entitled
27 under this section equals the district's valuation deficiency multiplied by the lesser of:
- 28 a. The district's general fund levy for the taxable year 2008; or
29 b. One hundred eighty-five mills.
- 30 4. a. The equity payment to which a district is entitled may not exceed the district's
31 taxable valuation multiplied by its general fund levy for the taxable year 2008.

1 b. If a district's general fund levy for the taxable year 2008 is less than one hundred
2 eighty-five mills, the superintendent of public instruction shall subtract the
3 district's general fund levy for the taxable year 2008 from one hundred eighty-five
4 mills, multiply the result by the district's taxable valuation, and subtract that result
5 from the equity payment to which the district is otherwise entitled.

6 c. If a district's imputed taxable valuation per student is less than fifty percent of the
7 statewide imputed taxable valuation per student, the payment to which the district
8 is entitled under this section may not be less than twenty percent of the statewide
9 imputed taxable valuation per student times the school district's average daily
10 membership, multiplied by one hundred eighty-five mills.

11 5. In determining the amount to which a school district is entitled under this section, the
12 superintendent of public instruction may not include any payments received by the
13 district as a result of Public Law No. 81-874 [64 Stat. 1100; 20 U.S.C. 236 et seq.] and
14 may not include in the district's average daily membership students who are
15 dependents of members of the armed forces and students who are dependents of
16 civilian employees of the department of defense.

17 6. In determining the statewide average imputed taxable valuation per student for
18 purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction may not include:

19 a. Any school district, which if included in the calculation would have an imputed
20 taxable valuation per student that is three times greater than the statewide
21 average imputed taxable valuation per student; and

22 b. Any school district, which if included in the calculation would have an imputed
23 taxable valuation per student that is less than one-fifth of the statewide average
24 imputed taxable valuation per student.

25 7. For purposes of this section:

26 a. "General fund levy" includes a district's high school transportation levy and its
27 high school tuition levy.

28 b. "Imputed taxable valuation" means the valuation of all taxable real property in the
29 district plus:

30 (1) An amount determined by dividing seventy percent of the district's mineral
31 and tuition revenue, revenue from payments in lieu of property taxes on

1 distribution and transmission of electric power, revenue from payments in
2 lieu of taxes from electricity generated from sources other than coal, and
3 revenue received on account of the leasing of lands acquired by the United
4 States for flood control, navigation, and allied purposes in accordance with
5 33 U.S.C. 701c-3 by the district's general fund mill levy for the taxable year
6 2008; and

7 (2) An amount determined by dividing the district's revenue from mobile home
8 taxes and telecommunications taxes by the district's general fund mill levy
9 for the taxable year 2008.

10 c. "Mineral revenue" includes all revenue from county sources reported under code
11 2000 of the North Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting
12 manual as developed by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance
13 with section 15.1-02-08.

14 d. "Tuition revenue" includes all revenue reported under code 1300 of the North
15 Dakota school district financial accounting and reporting manual as developed by
16 the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08.
17 "Tuition revenue" does not include tuition income received specifically for the
18 operation of an educational program provided at a residential treatment facility.

19 **SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-35.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **~~15.1-27-35.3. (Effective through June 30, 2011) Payments to school districts --~~**
22 **~~Unobligated general fund balance -- Report to legislative council.~~**

23 ~~1. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments due a~~
24 ~~school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
25 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of fifty~~
26 ~~percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars. Beginning July 1,~~
27 ~~2008, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments~~
28 ~~due a school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
29 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of~~
30 ~~forty five percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars.~~

1 ~~2. In making the determination required by subsection 1, the superintendent of public~~
2 ~~instruction may not include in a district's unobligated general fund balance any~~
3 ~~moneys that:~~

4 ~~a. (1) Were received by the district during the school year ending June 30, 2009,~~
5 ~~on account of the leasing of lands acquired by the United States for flood~~
6 ~~control, navigation, and allied purposes in accordance with 33 U.S.C.~~
7 ~~701c-3; and~~

8 ~~(2) Exceeded the amount received by the district during the school year ending~~
9 ~~June 30, 2008, for the purpose stated in paragraph 1;~~

10 ~~b. Were received directly by the district from the United States government in~~
11 ~~accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; or~~

12 ~~c. Were received by the district as supplemental one-time grants under section 52~~
13 ~~of S.L. 2009, ch. 175.~~

14 ~~3. Any district having more than fifty thousand dollars excluded in the determination of its~~
15 ~~ending fund balance, as required by subsection 2, shall provide a report to the~~
16 ~~legislative council. The report, which must be presented at the time and in the manner~~
17 ~~directed by the legislative council, must address how the money was expended,~~
18 ~~including the number of mills by which the district was able to decrease its property~~
19 ~~taxes, if such was a permitted use.~~

20 ~~(Effective after June 30, 2011) Payments to school districts - Unobligated general~~
21 ~~fund balance.~~

22 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments due a
23 school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated
24 general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of ~~fifty~~
25 ~~percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars. Beginning July 1,~~
26 ~~2008, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments~~
27 ~~due a school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated~~
28 ~~general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of~~
29 ~~forty-five percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars.~~

30 2. In making the determination required by subsection 1, the superintendent of public
31 instruction may not include in a district's unobligated general fund balance any

1 moneys that were received by the district from the federal education jobs fund
2 program.

3 **SECTION 27.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **Supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan.**

6 1. A representative organization authorized by a negotiating unit, as defined in
7 subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 15.1-16-01, and the board of a school district
8 may agree to pursue a supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan for
9 teachers in the negotiating unit.

10 2. The negotiating unit may include:

11 a. All teachers employed by the board to teach in the school district; or

12 b. All teachers employed by the board to teach at a particular school in the district.

13 3. For purposes of this section and the implementation of the supplemental
14 teacher-effectiveness compensation plan, "teacher" means an individual defined in
15 subdivision b of subsection 6 of section 15.1-02-13.

16 **SECTION 28.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 created and enacted as follows:

18 **Supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan - Development committee -**
19 **Membership.**

20 1. Upon agreeing to pursue a supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan,
21 the board of the school district and the representative organization shall form a
22 committee to develop the plan. The membership of the committee must be agreed
23 upon by the board of the school district and the representative organization.

24 2. At the initial meeting of the committee, the members shall establish rules of operation
25 and procedure.

26 3. The committee formed under this section is a public entity for purposes of chapter
27 44-04.

28 **SECTION 29.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
29 created and enacted as follows:

Supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan - Required content.

1. A supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan developed under this section must:

a. Include only matters of compensation and may not include other terms or conditions of employment normally negotiated under chapter 15.1-16;

b. Provide for a determination of compensation that takes into account:

(1) Whether the school district has had difficulty filling a particular position with a suitable and highly qualified teacher;

(2) Whether a teacher has advanced academic degrees or special skills and knowledge beyond those minimally required for a position;

(3) Whether a teacher has pursued certified professional development activities beyond those minimally required for a position;

(4) Whether a teacher has assumed responsibilities that are beyond those minimally required for a position; and

(5) Various measures of student growth, including academic growth;

c. Include a rigorous and objective system of teacher evaluation that equitably links an individual's performance to the opportunity for additional compensation; and

d. Ensure that no teacher subject to the plan will receive less total compensation than that teacher was eligible to receive under the last contract negotiated under chapter 15.1-16.

2. A supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan is not subject to a declaration of impasse under chapter 15.1-16.

SECTION 30. A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan - Review panel - Duties.

1. Upon agreeing to a supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan, the plan development committee shall forward the plan to a panel consisting of:

a. Two employees of the department of public instruction, selected by the superintendent of public instruction;

b. Two individuals appointed by the North Dakota council of educational leaders;

c. Two individuals appointed by the North Dakota education association; and

1 d. Two individuals appointed by the North Dakota school boards association.

2 2. Beginning April 1, 2012, the panel shall review each plan that is submitted to ensure
3 that it meets the requirements of section 29 of this Act and then, comparing all eligible
4 plans, recommend for funding those that have the greatest potential to increase
5 teacher effectiveness through supplemental compensation.

6 3. If the cost of funding all of the plans recommended by the panel exceeds the
7 resources made available, the superintendent of public instruction, with the advice of
8 the review panel, shall select for funding plans that were developed in districts of
9 varying size. For purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall
10 consider a district to be:

11 a. Small, if it has fewer than one thousand weighted student units;

12 b. Medium, if it has at least one thousand but fewer than five thousand weighted
13 student units; and

14 c. Large, if it has at least five thousand weighted student units.

15 **SECTION 31.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **Supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan - Determination of funding -**
18 **Minimum amount.**

19 1. If a plan is selected for funding, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine
20 the amount to which the submitting district is entitled for use as supplemental
21 teacher-effectiveness compensation. The superintendent shall:

22 a. Multiply the number of students in average daily membership instructed by the
23 number of full-time equivalent teachers participating in the district's supplemental
24 teacher-effectiveness compensation plan during the 2012-13 school year;

25 b. Multiply the result determined under subdivision a by a factor of 0.04; and

26 c. Apply the school district size weighting factor as set forth in section 15.1-27-03.2
27 to the result determined under subdivision b.

28 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, if a plan is selected for funding, the minimum amount to
29 which a submitting district is entitled for use as supplemental teacher-effectiveness
30 compensation is two thousand dollars multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent
31 teachers participating in the district's plan.

1 **SECTION 32.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 created and enacted as follows:

3 **Administrative costs.**

4 A school district may use up to five percent of the moneys it receives for its supplemental
5 teacher-effectiveness compensation plan to pay for any additional expenses it has incurred in
6 administering the supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan.

7 **SECTION 33.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 **Supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan - Review panel - Additional**
10 **duties.**

11 In addition to the duties set forth in section 30 of this Act, the review panel shall:

- 12 1. Develop and distribute guidelines pertaining to the creation of supplemental
13 teacher-effectiveness compensation plans;
- 14 2. Upon request meet with and advise plan development committees pursuing the
15 creation of supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plans; and
- 16 3. Provide advice to the superintendent of public instruction regarding the hiring of any
17 employees or the selection of any contractors whose duties will be related to
18 supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation.

19 **SECTION 34.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 created and enacted as follows:

21 **Annual report - Required content.**

- 22 1. Any school district that receives state moneys to implement a supplemental
23 teacher-effectiveness compensation plan shall file an annual report with the
24 superintendent of public instruction, at the time and in the manner directed by the
25 superintendent. The report must address whether the plan has:
 - 26 a. Alleviated difficulty filling particular positions with suitable and highly qualified
27 teachers;
 - 28 b. Encouraged teachers to pursue advanced academic degrees or acquire special
29 skills and knowledge beyond those minimally required for a position;
 - 30 c. Encouraged teachers to pursue certified professional development activities
31 beyond those minimally required for a position;

1 d. Encouraged teachers to assume additional responsibilities that are beyond those
2 minimally required for a position; and

3 e. Resulted in measurable student growth, including academic growth.

4 2. The report also must include suggestions for modifications to the plan, if appropriate.

5 3. The representative organization shall indicate in writing its agreement with the report
6 and the suggestions for modifications, as submitted by the school district in
7 accordance with this section, or provide to the superintendent of public instruction a
8 separate report together with any suggestions for modifications.

9 4. If the school district and the representative organization agree to recommend
10 continuation of the plan, with or without modification, the report must contain a request
11 for continued funding.

12 5. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide copies of the report to the plan
13 review panel established by section 30 of this Act.

14 **SECTION 35.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 created and enacted as follows:

16 **Existing contracts - Terms - Effect.**

17 1. The terms of any contract entered before July 1, 2011, between the board of a school
18 district and a representative organization in accordance with chapter 15.1-16, remain
19 in force and effect for the duration of the contract.

20 2. A supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan authorized by this Act may
21 take effect on July 1, 2012.

22 **SECTION 36.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 created and enacted as follows:

24 **Plan review panel - Reimbursement for expenses.**

25 Each member of the supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plan review panel is
26 entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officials if the
27 member is attending meetings or performing duties directed by the panel.

28 **SECTION 37. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-36-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
29 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15.1-36-02. School construction projects - Loans.**

2 1. The board of university and school lands may authorize the use of moneys in the coal
3 development trust fund established pursuant to section 21 of article X of the
4 Constitution of North Dakota and subsection 1 of section 57-62-02 to provide school
5 construction loans, as described in this chapter. The outstanding principal balance of
6 loans under this chapter may not exceed fifty million dollars. The board may adopt
7 policies and rules governing school construction loans.

8 2. In order to be eligible for a loan under this section, the board of a school district shall:

9 a. Propose a construction project with a cost of at least one million dollars and an
10 expected utilization of at least thirty years;

11 b. Obtain the approval of the superintendent of public instruction for the construction
12 project under section 15.1-36-01; and

13 c. Submit to the superintendent of public instruction an application containing all
14 information deemed necessary by the superintendent, including potential
15 alternative sources or methods of financing the construction project.

16 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall give priority to any district that meets the
17 requirements for receipt of an equity payment under section 15.1-27-11.

18 4. If an eligible school district's imputed taxable valuation per student is less than eighty
19 percent of the state average imputed valuation per student, the district is entitled to
20 receive:

21 a. A school construction loan equal to the lesser of ~~eight~~twelve million dollars or
22 eighty percent of the actual project cost;

23 b. An interest rate discount equal to at least ~~fifty~~one hundred but not more than two
24 hundred fifty basis points below the prevailing tax-free bond rates; and

25 c. A term of repayment that may extend up to twenty years.

26 5. If an eligible school district's imputed taxable valuation per student is equal to at least
27 eighty percent but less than ninety percent of the state average imputed taxable
28 valuation per student, the district is entitled to receive:

29 a. A school construction loan equal to the lesser of ~~seven~~ten million dollars or
30 seventy percent of the actual project cost;

- 1 b. An interest rate buydown equal to at least ~~fifty~~one hundred but not more than two
- 2 hundred fifty basis points below the prevailing tax-free bond rates; and
- 3 c. A term of repayment that may extend up to twenty years.
- 4 6. If an eligible school district's imputed taxable valuation per student is equal to at least
- 5 ninety percent of the state average imputed taxable valuation per student, the district
- 6 is entitled to receive:
 - 7 a. A school construction loan equal to the lesser of ~~two~~four million ~~five hundred~~
 - 8 ~~thousand~~ dollars or thirty percent of the actual project cost;
 - 9 b. An interest rate discount equal to at least ~~fifty~~one hundred but not more than two
 - 10 hundred fifty basis points below the prevailing tax-free bond rates; and
 - 11 c. A term of repayment that may extend up to twenty years.
- 12 7. The board of a school district may submit its loan application to the superintendent of
- 13 public instruction before or after receiving authorization of a bond issue in accordance
- 14 with chapter 21-03. If the vote to authorize a bond issue precedes the application for a
- 15 loan, the application must be acted upon by the superintendent expeditiously but no
- 16 later than one hundred eighty days from the date it is received by the superintendent.
- 17 8. The superintendent of public instruction shall consider each loan application in the
- 18 order it received approval under section 15.1-36-01.
- 19 9. If the superintendent of public instruction approves the loan, the superintendent may
- 20 determine the loan amount, the term of the loan, and the interest rate, in accordance
- 21 with the requirements of this section.
- 22 10. The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules governing school
- 23 construction loans.
- 24 11. For purposes of this section, a construction project means the purchase, lease,
- 25 erection, or improvement of any structure or facility by a school board, provided the
- 26 acquisition or activity is within a school board's authority.

27 **SECTION 38. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-37-01. Early childhood education program - Approval.

1. Any person or school district operating an early childhood education program may request approval of the program from the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall approve an early childhood education program if the program:
 - ~~1.a.~~ Is taught by individuals who are licensed to teach in early childhood education by the education standards and practices board;
 - ~~2.b.~~ Follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum; ~~and~~
 - ~~3.c.~~ Is in compliance with all municipal and state health, fire, and safety requirements; and
 - d. Limits its enrollment to children who have reached the age of four before August first in the year of enrollment.
- ~~2.~~ Per student funding will not be provided to individuals or school districts offering a prekindergarten. In determining the state aid payments to which a school district is entitled, the superintendent of public instruction may not count any student enrolled in a regular early childhood education program.

SECTION 39. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-37-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The North Dakota early childhood education council consists of:
 - a. A chairman appointed by the governor;
 - b. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
 - c. The state health officer, or the officer's designee;
 - d. The director of the department of human services, or the director's designee;
 - e. The North Dakota head start - state collaboration administrator, or the administrator's designee;
 - f. The commissioner of higher education, or the commissioner's designee;
 - g. The commissioner of commerce, or the commissioner's designee;
 - h. The chairman of the senate education committee, or the chairman's designee;
 - ~~h.i.~~ The chairman of the house of representatives education committee, or the chairman's designee; and
 - i.j. The following gubernatorial appointees:

- 1 (1) The superintendent of a school district having at least one thousand
- 2 students in average daily membership;
- 3 (2) The superintendent of a school district having fewer than one thousand
- 4 students in average daily membership;
- 5 (3) The superintendent of a school district headquartered on a reservation or
- 6 including reservation land within its boundaries;
- 7 (4) ~~The principal of a school district;~~
- 8 ~~(5) An individual employed as an elementary school teacher;~~
- 9 ~~(6)~~ An individual representing a non-religious-based provider of ~~preschool~~early
- 10 childhood education;
- 11 ~~(7)~~(5) An individual representing a religious-based provider of ~~preschool~~early
- 12 childhood education;
- 13 ~~(8)~~(6) An individual representing a center-based licensed child care provider;
- 14 ~~(9)~~(7) An individual representing a home-based licensed child care provider;
- 15 ~~(10)~~(8) An individual representing a reservation-based head start program;
- 16 ~~(11)~~(9) An elected member of a school board;
- 17 ~~(12)~~(10) The parent of a child not yet enrolled in elementary school; ~~and~~
- 18 ~~(13)~~(11) The parent of a child with ~~special-needs~~disabilities not yet enrolled in
- 19 elementary school; ~~and~~
- 20 (12) An individual representing children with disabilities.

21 **SECTION 40. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **15.1-37-03. Council - Duties.**

24 The council shall:

- 25 1. Review the ~~delivery~~availability and provision of early childhood education, care, and
- 26 services in this state;
- 27 2. ~~Conduct a needs assessment;~~
- 28 ~~3. Review early childhood education standards and propose revisions to the standards~~
- 29 ~~as needed;~~
- 30 ~~4. Review~~identify opportunities for public and private sector collaboration in the
- 31 deliveryprovision of early childhood education, care, and services in this state;

~~5. Develop a comprehensive plan governing the delivery of early childhood education in this state; and~~

~~6.3. Identify ways to assist with the recruitment and retention of individuals interested in working as providers of early childhood education, care, and services, including training and continuing education or professional development opportunities;~~

~~4. Seek the advice and guidance of individuals who are uniquely familiar with the nature, scope, and associated challenges of providing early childhood education, care, and services in geographically and socioeconomically diverse settings, and develop recommendations pertaining to the short-term and longer-term improvement and expansion of early childhood education, care, and services in this state; and~~

~~5. Provide a biennial report regarding its ~~activities~~findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislative ~~council~~assembly.~~

SECTION 41. AMENDMENT. Section 57-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-15-14. General fund levy limitations in school districts.

The aggregate amount levied each year for the purposes listed in section 57-15-14.2 by any school district, except the Fargo school district, may not exceed the amount in dollars which the school district levied for the prior school year plus twelve percent up to a general fund levy of one hundred eighty-five mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the district, except that:

1. In any school district having a total population in excess of four thousand according to the last federal decennial census there may be levied any specific number of mills that upon resolution of the school board has been submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting upon the question at any regular or special school district election.
2. In any school district having a total population of fewer than four thousand, there may be levied any specific number of mills that upon resolution of the school board has been approved by fifty-five percent of the qualified electors voting upon the question at any regular or special school election.
3. After June 30, 2009, in any school district election for approval by electors of increased levy authority under subsection 1 or 2, the ballot must specify the number of mills proposed for approval, and the number of taxable years for which that approval is

1 to apply. After June 30, 2009, approval by electors of increased levy authority under
2 subsection 1 or 2 may not be effective for more than ten taxable years.

3 4. The authority for a levy of up to a specific number of mills under this section approved
4 by electors of a school district before July 1, 2009, is terminated effective for taxable
5 years after 2015. If the electors of a school district subject to this subsection have not
6 approved a levy for taxable years after 2015 of up to a specific number of mills under
7 this section by December 31, 2015, the school district levy limitation for subsequent
8 years is subject to the limitations under section 57-15-01.1 or this section.

9 5. The authority for an unlimited levy approved by electors of a school district before
10 July 1, 2009, is terminated effective for taxable years after 2015. If the electors of a
11 school district subject to this subsection have not approved a levy of up to a specific
12 number of mills under this section by December 31, 2015, the school district levy
13 limitation for subsequent years is subject to the limitations under section 57-15-01.1 or
14 this section.

15 6. A school district that experiences a rapidly increasing taxable valuation may levy, for
16 the taxable year of the rapidly increasing taxable valuation and the next taxable year,
17 the amount in dollars which the school district levied for the prior school year plus
18 eighteen percent, up to a general fund levy of one hundred eighty-five mills on the
19 dollar of the taxable valuation of the district. For purposes of this subsection, "rapidly
20 increasing taxable valuation" means an increase of twenty percent or more in taxable
21 valuation from the immediately preceding taxable year.

22 The question of authorizing or discontinuing such specific number of mills authority in any
23 school district must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next regular election upon
24 resolution of the school board or upon the filing with the school board of a petition containing
25 the signatures of qualified electors of the district equal in number to ten percent of the number
26 of electors who cast votes in the most recent election in the school district. However, not fewer
27 than twenty-five signatures are required. However, the approval of discontinuing such authority
28 does not affect the tax levy in the calendar year in which the election is held. The election must
29 be held in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as provided in this section for
30 the first election upon the question of authorizing the mill levy.

31 **SECTION 42. ISOLATED SCHOOLS - TRANSITION PAYMENTS.**

1. If during the 2010-11 school year a school district received payments as a result of section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011, and if that district is not eligible for the factor established under subdivision j of subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-03.1, the district is entitled to the following transition payments:
 - a. For the 2011-12 school year, an amount equal to that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011;
 - b. For the 2012-13 school year, an amount equal to seventy-five percent of that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011;
 - c. For the 2013-14 school year, an amount equal to fifty percent of that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011; and
 - d. For the 2014-15 school year, an amount equal to twenty-five percent of that which the district would have received under section 15.1-27-15, as the section existed on June 30, 2011.
2. Upon the closure of a school that met the definition of isolated under section 15.1-27-15, as it existed on June 30, 2011, the superintendent of public instruction shall cease to provide to the district the transition payments established under subsection 1.

SECTION 43. TRANSPORTATION GRANTS - DISTRIBUTION.

1. During each year of the 2011-13 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction shall calculate the payment to which each school district is entitled based on the state transportation formula as it existed on June 30, 2001, except that the superintendent shall provide reimbursement at the rate of:
 - a. One dollar and three cents per mile for schoolbuses having a capacity of ten or more passengers;
 - b. Forty-six cents per mile for vehicles having a capacity of nine or fewer passengers;
 - c. Forty-six cents per mile, provided:
 - (1) The student being transported is a student with a disability, as defined in chapter 15.1-32;

- 1 (2) The student's individualized education program plan requires that the
- 2 student attend a public or a nonpublic school located outside the student's
- 3 school district of residence;
- 4 (3) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;
- 5 (4) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;
- 6 (5) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents; and
- 7 (6) The reimbursement does not exceed two round trips daily between the
- 8 student's home and school.

9 d. Forty-six cents per mile, one way, provided:

- 10 (1) The student being transported resides more than two miles from the public
- 11 school that the student attends;
- 12 (2) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;
- 13 (3) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;
- 14 and
- 15 (4) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents; and

16 e. Twenty-six cents per student for each one-way trip.

- 17 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall use the latest available student
- 18 enrollment count in each school district in applying the provisions of subsection 1.
- 19 3. If any moneys provided for transportation payments in the grants transportation line
- 20 item in the appropriation bill for the superintendent of public instruction, as approved
- 21 by the sixty-second legislative assembly, remain after application of the formula
- 22 provided for in this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall prorate the
- 23 remaining amounts according to the percentage of the total transportation formula
- 24 amount to which each school district is entitled.
- 25 4. This section does not authorize the reimbursement of any costs incurred in providing
- 26 transportation for student attendance at extracurricular activities or events.

27 **SECTION 44. SCHOOL DISTRICT RAPID ENROLLMENT GROWTH - GRANT.** During the
28 2011-13 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction shall expend up to \$5,000,000 from
29 the grants - state school aid line item in the appropriation bill for the superintendent of public
30 instruction, as approved by the sixty-second legislative assembly, for the purpose of providing a

1 grant to any school district that can demonstrate rapid enrollment growth in accordance with this
2 section.

- 3 1. If the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a school district has increased
4 by at least three percent annually and if that increase is equal to at least twenty-five
5 full-time equivalent students, as demonstrated by the district's September tenth fall
6 enrollment report, the district is entitled to receive a grant equal to thirty percent of the
7 per student payment provided for in section 15.1-27-04 multiplied by the actual
8 increase in its full-time equivalent student enrollment.
- 9 2. If the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a school district has increased
10 by at least seven percent annually and if that increase is equal to at least twenty-five
11 full-time equivalent students, as demonstrated by the district's September tenth fall
12 enrollment report, the district is entitled to receive a grant equal to seventy percent of
13 the per student payment provided for in section 15.1-27-04 multiplied by the actual
14 increase in its full-time equivalent student enrollment.
- 15 3. If the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in a school district has increased
16 by at least thirteen percent annually and if that increase is equal to at least twenty-five
17 full-time equivalent students, as demonstrated by the district's September tenth fall
18 enrollment report, the district is entitled to receive a grant equal to the per student
19 payment provided for in section 15.1-27-04 multiplied by the actual increase in its
20 full-time equivalent student enrollment.
- 21 4. If the amount of the expenditure provided for in this section is insufficient to meet the
22 obligations of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall prorate the
23 payment based on the percentage of the total amount to which each school district is
24 entitled.
- 25 5. A district may not receive more than \$800,000 annually in accordance with this
26 section.

27 **SECTION 45. USE OF NEW MONEY - TEACHER COMPENSATION INCREASES -**
28 **REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

- 29 1. During the 2011-13 biennium, the board of each school district shall use an amount
30 equal to at least seventy percent of all new money received by the district for per
31 student payments to increase the compensation paid to teachers and to provide

- 1 compensation to teachers who begin employment with the district on or after July 1,
2 2011.
- 3 2. For purposes of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall calculate the
4 amount of new money received by a district during the 2011-13 biennium by:
- 5 a. Determining the total amount of state dollars received by each district during the
6 2009-11 biennium as per student payments, provided that equity payments,
7 transportation payments, contingency distributions, mill levy reduction payments,
8 and technology support payments are not to be included in the total;
- 9 b. Determining the total amount of state dollars received by each district during the
10 2011-13 biennium as per student payments, provided that the following are not to
11 be included in the total:
- 12 (1) Contingent distributions;
- 13 (2) Cross-border attendance moneys;
- 14 (3) Deferred maintenance and physical plant improvements grants;
- 15 (4) Equity payments;
- 16 (5) Federal education jobs funds program moneys;
- 17 (6) Home-based education program monitoring moneys;
- 18 (7) Mill levy reduction payments;
- 19 (8) PowerSchool acquisition, implementation, and utilization moneys;
- 20 (9) Regional education association moneys and grants; and
- 21 (10) Transportation payments; and
- 22 c. Subtracting the amount arrived at under subdivision a from the amount arrived at
23 under subdivision b.
- 24 3. School districts providing educational services under a cooperative agreement
25 approved by the superintendent of public instruction must, for purposes of this section,
26 be treated as a single district.
- 27 4. a. This section does not apply to a school district if the board of the school district,
28 after a public hearing at which public testimony and documentary evidence are
29 accepted, determines in its discretion and by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of
30 the members of the board that complying with subsection 1 would place the

1 school district in the position of having insufficient fiscal resources to meet the
2 school district's other obligations.

3 b. Within ten days of the vote required by subdivision a, the school board shall
4 notify the superintendent of public instruction of its action and shall file a report
5 detailing the grounds for its determination and action.

6 c. The superintendent of public instruction shall report all notices received under
7 this subsection to the legislative management.

8 **SECTION 46. CONTINGENT MONEY.** If any money appropriated to the superintendent of
9 public instruction for state aid payments to school districts remains after the superintendent
10 complies with all statutory payment obligations imposed for the biennium beginning July 1,
11 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, the superintendent shall use the remaining moneys to provide
12 additional per student payments on a prorated basis according to the latest available average
13 daily membership of each school district.

14 **SECTION 47. CONTINGENT TRANSFER BY BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA FOR SPECIAL**
15 **EDUCATION.** If during the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, the
16 superintendent of public instruction determines that, using all available sources, there are
17 insufficient funds with which to fully reimburse school districts for the excess costs of serving the
18 one percent of special education students statewide who require the greatest school district
19 expenditures in order to be provided with special education and related services, the industrial
20 commission shall transfer from the earnings and accumulated and undivided profits of the Bank
21 of North Dakota the amount the superintendent of public instruction certifies is necessary to
22 provide the statutorily required level of reimbursement. The superintendent of public instruction
23 shall file for introduction legislation requesting that the sixty-third legislative assembly return any
24 amount transferred under this section to the Bank of North Dakota.

25 **SECTION 48. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ADULT EDUCATION.** During the
26 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the provision and funding
27 of adult education. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations,
28 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-third
29 legislative assembly.

30 **SECTION 49. EDUCATION FUNDING AND TAXATION COMMITTEE - STUDY.**

31 1. The education funding and taxation committee consists of:

- 1 a. The following nine voting members:
 - 2 (1) The chairman of the house education committee, or the chairman's
 - 3 designee;
 - 4 (2) The chairman of the house finance and taxation committee, or the
 - 5 chairman's designee;
 - 6 (3) The chairman of the senate education committee, or the chairman's
 - 7 designee;
 - 8 (4) The chairman of the senate finance and taxation committee, or the
 - 9 chairman's designee; and
 - 10 (5) Five legislators appointed by the chairman of the legislative management;
 - 11 and
- 12 b. The following five nonvoting members:
 - 13 (1) The tax commissioner or the commissioner's designee;
 - 14 (2) The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee;
 - 15 (3) A representative of the governor, selected by the governor; and
 - 16 (4) Two school district business managers, appointed by the legislative
 - 17 management.
- 18 2. The chairman of the legislative management shall select one from among the voting
- 19 members to serve as the chairman of the committee.
- 20 3. The committee shall establish its own rules of operation and procedure.
- 21 4. The committee may form workgroups, task forces, and subcommittees to seek
- 22 additional information and outside expertise.
- 23 5. a. Each member of the committee and any individual requested by the chairman to
- 24 serve on a workgroup, task force, or subcommittee is entitled to receive
- 25 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the same manner
- 26 as state officials.
- 27 b. Each member of the legislative assembly who serves on the committee is entitled
- 28 to receive per diem compensation as provided for in section 54-03-20, if the
- 29 member is attending meetings or performing other duties as directed by the
- 30 chairman.

1 6. The committee shall examine short-term and longer-term state and local involvement
2 in funding elementary and secondary education. The committee shall report its
3 findings, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
4 the sixty-third legislative assembly.

5 **SECTION 50. SUPPLEMENTAL TEACHER-EFFECTIVENESS COMPENSATION PLANS**

6 - **EXEMPTION - CARRYOVER AUTHORITY.** Section 54-44.1-11 does not apply to any moneys
7 included in the grants - state school aid line item in the appropriation bill for the superintendent
8 of public instruction, as approved by the sixty-second legislative assembly, for the purpose of
9 funding supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plans during the 2011-13 biennium.
10 Any moneys not expended by June 30, 2013, must be continued and expended only for the
11 purpose of funding supplemental teacher-effectiveness compensation plans during the
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

13 **SECTION 51. REPEAL.** Section 6 of this Act and sections 15.1-18.2-01, 15.1-18.2-02, and
14 15.1-18.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

15 **SECTION 52. REPEAL.** Section 15.1-27-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

16 **SECTION 53. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 22 and 51 of this Act become effective on
17 July 1, 2013.

18 **SECTION 54. EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 27 through 36 of this Act are effective through
19 June 30, 2013, and after that date are ineffective.