

2023 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1156

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1156
1/16/2023

Relating to services provided by the center for distance education

3:29 PM

Chairman Heinert opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons. Absent: Reps. Hager and Hauck.

Discussion Topics:

- Out of state dual credit option
- Educational needs of students
- Dual Credit Partnerships

Representative Cindy Schreiber-Beck Bill Sponsor Support # 13413

Alyssa Martin-ND Center for Distance Education Support # 13428

Closed hearing 3:37 PM

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk
By Bev Monroe

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Chairman Heinert opened the hearing at 3:08 PM.

Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, Timmons, Hager, Hauck.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

Rep. Schreiber-Beck moved a DO PASS on HB 1156. Seconded by **Rep. Murphy**.

Further discussion on bill.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y

14-0-0 Motion Carries. Bill carried by **Rep. Schreiber-Beck**.

Chairman Heinert closed the hearing at 3:17 PM.

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk by Bev Monroe

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1156: Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1156 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE EDUCATION

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1156
3/1/2023

Relating to services provided by the center for distance education.

1:00 PM Chair Elkin opened the hearing. Present: Chair Elkin, Vice Chair Beard, Sen Axtman, Sen Conley, Sen Lemm, and Sen Wobbema.

Discussion Topics:

- On-line kindergarten
- Remote rural schools
- Dual credit partnership
- District functions

Rep Schreiber-Beck, Dist 25 bill sponsor and testified in support #21280.

Dr Alyssa Martin, ND Center Distance Learning, testified via TEAMS in support #21488.

Dr Aimee Copas, came forward to clarify district functions as neutral. No written testimony.

1:30 PM Chair Elkin closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1156
3/6/2023

Relating to services provided by the center for distance education.

3:25 PM Chair Elkin opened committee work. Present: Chair Elkin, Vice Chair Beard, Sen Axtman, Sen Conley, Sen Lemm, and Sen Wobbema.

Discussion Topics:

- Dual credits
- Kindergarten services
- Committee action

Allison Hicks, Attorney General Office, explained century code for HB 1156.

Dr. Alyssa Martin, ND Center Distant Education answered questions of Sen Conley.

Kristin Baesler, Supt Dept Public Instruction, clarified Century Code for this bill.

Sen Axtman moved amendment on line 18 to add 'if parents or guardian request' and continue sentence as in bill. Sen Beard seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Jay Elkin	Y
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	Y

VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Axtman moved a DO PASS as Amended 23.0435.01001. Sen Beard seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Jay Elkin	Y
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Cole Conley	N
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	Y

VOTE: YES – 5 NO – 1 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Axtman will carry the bill.

3:51 PM Chair Elkin adjourned the meeting.
Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

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Adopted by the Senate Education Committee

March 6, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1156

Page 1, line 18, after "or" insert ", if requested by a parent or guardian."

Renumber accordingly

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3-6-2023

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1156: Education Committee (Sen. Elkin, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1156 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Page 1, line 18, after "or" insert ", if requested by a parent or guardian."

Renumber accordingly

TESTIMONY

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House Bill 1156

House Education Committee
Introduction and Support Testimony
January 16, 2023, 3:30PM

Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee:

I am Cindy Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative. I am introducing and providing support testimony for House Bill 1156.

This bill ensures the Center for Distance Education (CDE or referred to as the "Center" in testimony) will continue to meet the educational needs of students.

Section 1 amends subsection 3 of section 15-19-01 of the ND Century Code. The added language expands the Center's ability to educate out-of-state students who utilize the Center to take dual credit course work. Currently ND Century Code restricts high schools to only offering dual credit to North Dakota students. The amendment would give the Center the authority to provide dual credit to non-resident students.

Section 2 amends section 15.1-22.01 of the North Dakota Century Code. This amendment would allow the Center to provide kindergarten for those districts currently not providing kindergarten. The Center developed a kindergarten program during the pandemic and continuing to offer the online program would benefit young students who do not have access to kindergarten.

A representative from the Center for Distance Education will provide further information regarding the dual credit and kindergarten programs.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of HB1156.

Testimony House Bill 1156 – House Education Committee**Representative Heinert, Chairman****January 16, 2023**

Chair Heinert and members of the House Education Committee, for the record, my name is Dr. Alyssa Martin. I am here on behalf of the North Dakota Center for Distance Education to testify in support of this bill. It will allow CDE to do two things: provide dual credit to out-of-state students and serve as a kindergarten provider for a district that does not offer this grade.

While CDE currently has authority under NDCC 15-19-01(03) to provide services to out-of-state students, it does not have authority to offer dual credit to these students. CDE learned this fall that state law limits North Dakota high schools to only providing dual credit to in-state students (NDCC 15.1-25-01). To provide dual credit to out-of-state students, CDE needs this permission added to the scope of services it can provide under the law in NDCC 15-19-01. Our out-of-state students have inquired about participating in this program, and CDE would like to offer these students this opportunity. We anticipate approximately ten out-of-state students participating in our dual credit courses initially, expanding along with our plans to expand our dual credit partnerships. If this legislation should pass, we will work with the NDUS office to propose an out-of-state dual credit tuition schedule, which would then need the approval of the NDUS Board. This will allow the tuition we raise from out-of-state students to help subsidize the services we provide to in-state students.

CDE recently added a full kindergarten curriculum to its menu of services. We have 30 students in our program this year and have the capacity to accommodate more than double this amount—CDE had 73 kindergarteners in 2021-22. Given that we have this capacity and there are seven school districts in the state without kindergarten, we believe that we could provide an essential service to school districts that are not offering kindergarten and contemplating transporting these students to a nearby school to receive this crucial formative education. We are projecting that this change to the law will only benefit a small number of students—less than 10. Still, for these students, the ability to take kindergarten online through CDE may, for some, be a better alternative than a long daily bus ride for our youngest learners.

CDE's primary goal and mission is to provide educational access to students and fill in gaps in services within our local school districts. This bill helps CDE accomplish these aims.

House Bill 1156

Senate Education Committee
Introduction and Support Testimony
March 1, 2023

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The PK-12 Education Steering Committee has a strategic goal of increasing the number of kindergarten classrooms statewide. The request to allow CDE to serve as a kindergarten provider to districts unable to provide this grade aligns with this goal and comes from CDE recently adding a full kindergarten curriculum to its menu of services. CDE began kindergarten in 2020. We have 30 students in our program this year and have the capacity to accommodate more than double this amount—CDE had 73 kindergarteners in 2021-22. Given that we have this capacity and there are seven school districts in the state without kindergarten, we knew we could provide an essential service to school districts that are not offering kindergarten and contemplating transporting these students to a nearby school to receive this crucial formative education. We are projecting that this change to the law will only benefit a small number of students—less than 10. Still, for these students, the ability to take kindergarten online through CDE may be a better alternative than a long daily bus ride for our youngest learners.

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