

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1157

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a quality schools initiative for studying the provision of
2 education in public schools for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing educational quality
3 and to provide for the powers, duties, and funding of the quality schools initiative; and to
4 provide an expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. Quality schools initiative - Advisory board - Membership.**

- 7 1. The North Dakota quality schools initiative advisory board consists of:
- 8 a. The governor or a designee of the governor.
 - 9 b. The superintendent of public instruction or a designee of the superintendent.
 - 10 c. The director of vocational and technical education or the director's designee.
 - 11 d. The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee.
 - 12 e. The president of the North Dakota education association or the president's
13 designee.
 - 14 f. The executive director of the education standards and practices board or the
15 executive director's designee.
 - 16 g. The executive director of the North Dakota school boards association or the
17 executive director's designee.

18 The governor or the governor's designee shall be the chairperson of the advisory
19 board. The governor, in consultation with an advisory board of educational
20 leaders, shall establish a quality schools initiative.

- 21 2. The purpose of the quality schools initiative is to study the provision of education in
22 public schools, review the assessment of quality of elementary and secondary
23 schools, make recommendations to the legislative assembly and other appropriate

1 entities to maintain and enhance educational quality, and address long-range
2 planning needs for elementary and secondary education.

3 **SECTION 2. Quality schools initiative - Powers and duties.** The quality schools
4 initiative shall implement and direct an assessment process based on a quality schools
5 framework addressing the quality of elementary and secondary schools in this state and
6 disseminate the results to the legislative assembly and other appropriate entities for integration
7 into the school improvement process. At the request of the governor, every school district in
8 this state shall complete a quality schools framework designed to assess the level of quality
9 within its schools. Every school district shall report the assessment results to its school patrons
10 and others in local communities. State agencies and other appropriate entities shall provide
11 the data necessary for inclusion in a quality schools framework. The quality schools initiative
12 shall receive assessment results and establish a methodology for long-range planning to
13 maintain and enhance educational quality, assist in the development of a continuing process of
14 assessment of the quality of schools, and develop strategic planning methods to maintain and
15 enhance educational quality. To implement the goals of the quality schools initiative, the
16 governor may contract with outside consultants and facilitators to carry out the assessment and
17 improvement process.

18 The quality schools initiative may make recommendations to the legislative assembly
19 and other appropriate entities for long-range planning to address school improvement needs.

20 **SECTION 3. Acceptance and expenditure of funds.** The quality schools initiative
21 may apply for and accept any funds, grants, gifts, or services from federal agencies, public and
22 private foundations, and from other entities or citizens. Funds received by the quality schools
23 initiative under this section must be deposited in the state treasury in a special fund designated
24 as the quality schools fund. The quality schools initiative may expend, pursuant to legislative
25 appropriations, all funds received by and appropriated to it.

26 **SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2003, and
27 after that date is ineffective.