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Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

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1 A BILL for an Act

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

3 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
4 and enacted as follows:

**NOTE:** The existing Chapter 4-37 is relatively compact and could be consolidated within a single section for placement within another chapter, perhaps the chapter covering powers and duties of the Agriculture Commissioner. This draft is prepared on that basis.

5 ~~4-37-01.~~ **Agriculture in the classroom program.**

6 ~~1.~~ Recognizing the need to promote and foster an understanding of the agricultural  
7 economy of the state of North Dakota and the values of rural lifestyles, an agriculture  
8 in the classroom program is established. The agriculture commissioner shall  
9 administer the an agriculture in the classroom program with the advice of the  
10 agriculture in the classroom council.

11 ~~4-37-02.~~ **Agriculture in the classroom council.**

12 ~~1-2.~~ The agriculture in the classroom council consists of seven individuals. The agriculture  
13 commissioner shall appoint six council members. The seventh council member is the  
14 superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

15 ~~2.~~ ~~The~~Annually, the council members may select one from among themselvesshall elect  
16 one of its members to serve as the chairman.

17 ~~3.~~ The council shall meet at least twice each year, at the call of the chairman, ~~for the~~  
18 ~~purpose of providing advice to~~ confer with and advise the agriculture commissioner  
19 regarding issues related to the agriculture in the classroom program.

1        **~~4-37-03. Purpose -- Powers and duties.~~**

2        ~~4.3.~~    The agriculture commissioner may award grants and contract with any person for the  
3            provision of an agriculture in the classroom program, the development of agricultural  
4            curriculum activities applicable to students from kindergarten through grade twelve,  
5            and the training of teachers in agricultural curriculum activities.

6        ~~2.~~    The agriculture commissioner shall work with teachers, the superintendent of public  
7            instruction, the department of career and technical education, and the United States  
8            department of agriculture to provide and promote an agriculture in the classroom  
9            program.

**NOTE:** This provision is mostly duplication of subdivision a in the following subsection.

10      ~~3.4.~~    In addition to any other powers and duties set forth in this section, the agriculture  
11            commissioner may:

- 12            a.    Consult and work with the superintendent of public instruction, the department of  
13            career and technical education, the United States department of agriculture, and  
14            any other public or nonpublic entities to provide and promote an agriculture in the  
15            classroom program;
- 16            b.    Prepare instructional, informational, and reference publications on the North  
17            Dakota agricultural economy and rural lifestyles;
- 18            c.    Provide training programs for public school teachers in agricultural curriculum  
19            activities;
- 20            d.    Encourage research on and identification of new instructional, informational, and  
21            reference publications relating to this state's agricultural economy and rural  
22            lifestyles; and
- 23            e.    Monitor the quality and condition of the agriculture in the classroom program.

24      **~~4-37-04. Gifts and grants.~~**

25      ~~5.~~    The agriculture commissioner may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations in  
26            support of the agriculture in the classroom program. If any gifts, grants, or donations  
27            are designated for a specific purpose, the commissioner shall honor the purpose  
28            provided the purpose is consistent with this chapter.

29      **~~4-37-05. Expenses of council members.~~**

30      ~~6.~~    Members of the agriculture in the classroom council may not receive any  
31            compensation for their services on the council, but are entitled to be reimbursed for

1           their expenses incurred in performing their duties in the amounts provided by law for  
2           state employees.

3           **NOTE:** The subsections in the draft might be rearranged in more logical order but are  
4           presented here in the order they fall in current law.