

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study of intellectual property rights and for a report to the  
2 legislative council.

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

4 **SECTION 1. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS STUDY - REPORT TO**  
5 **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the [state board of higher education]  
6 [department of commerce] shall conduct a study of the state's intellectual property laws as they  
7 relate to the protection of intellectual property rights. The study must include a review of the  
8 state's intellectual property laws, including barriers that may inhibit research and development  
9 in the state, and must include consideration of successful actions taken by other states to  
10 improve the protection of intellectual property rights. The [state board of higher education]  
11 [department of commerce] shall contract with a third party in performing this study. Before  
12 July 1, 2006, the [chancellor of the North Dakota university system] [commissioner of  
13 commerce] shall report to the legislative council the outcome of the study and identify proposed  
14 legislative changes necessary to implement any recommendations to improve the protection of  
15 intellectual property rights.