

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a superintendent of public instruction study; to provide for grants  
2 to low-performing schools; to provide for reports to the legislative management; and to provide  
3 an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. INDIAN EDUCATION ISSUES STUDIED BY SUPERINTENDENT OF**  
6 **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** Between  
7 July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012, the superintendent of public instruction shall conduct a study of  
8 Indian education issues to develop criteria for grants to low-performing schools. In conducting  
9 this study, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine:

- 10 1. Factors that define effective parental involvement and the extent and influence that  
11 effective parental involvement has on improving student achievement.
- 12 2. The extent to which school structure and extended learning time, including  
13 extended schoolday, extended school year, year-round school, summer school,  
14 afterschool programs, and student and staff support systems, have on improving  
15 student achievement.
- 16 3. The extent to which governance and collaborative models, including agreements  
17 with tribal governments, the bureau of Indian education, and the state have on  
18 improving student achievement.
- 19 4. Whether success models are available and what makes these models effective.
- 20 5. The extent that poverty negatively affects student achievement.
- 21 6. Whether federal, state, or local barriers exist that prevent schools and students  
22 from performing at high rates of student achievement.
- 23 7. Whether lack of funding or clearly established funding priorities prevent or inhibit  
24 efforts toward higher proficiency levels.

1           8.    What level of professional development is necessary and whether components are  
2                    missing.

3    The superintendent of public instruction may utilize a consultant in conducting this study. The  
4    superintendent of public instruction shall report periodically to an interim legislative  
5    management committee on the study conducted under this section.

6            **SECTION 2. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION GRANTS TO**  
7    **LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS - REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The  
8    superintendent of public instruction shall make grants to low-performing schools selected based  
9    upon the criteria developed under the study conducted pursuant to section 1 of this Act. The  
10   superintendent of public instruction shall report periodically to an interim legislative  
11   management committee on grants made pursuant to this section.

12           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
13   general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much  
14   of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of  
15   conducting the Indian education issues study under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium  
16   beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

17           **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
18   general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much  
19   of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of  
20   making grants to low-performing schools under section 2 of this Act, for the biennium beginning  
21   July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.