

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE BILL NO. 2229  
(Senators Poolman, J. Lee, Murphy)  
(Representatives Hawken, N. Johnson, Hogan)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to early childhood education; and to provide for a superintendent of public instruction study of early childhood care and early childhood education.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-09-58. ~~Prekindergarten program~~ Early childhood education - Authorization - Support.**

The board of a school district may establish a ~~prekindergarten~~ early childhood education program and may ~~receive and expend any state~~ support that program with:

1. Local tax revenues, other than those necessary to support the district's kindergarten program and the provision of elementary and high school educational services;
2. State moneys specifically appropriated for the program,~~any federal;~~
3. Federal funds specifically appropriated or approved for the program,~~and any gifts; and~~
4. Gifts, grants, and donations specifically given for the program.

**SECTION 2. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - STUDY BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

1. The superintendent of public instruction shall study the development, delivery, and administration of comprehensive early childhood care and early childhood education in this state. The study must include an examination of the availability, quality, and cost of services offered by existing public and private sector providers, the projected need for services during the coming ten to twenty years, and the ability of public and private sector providers to address the expansion of facilities or the creation of additional facilities.
2. The superintendent of public instruction may appoint a committee, work groups, task forces, and subcommittees, as necessary, to provide or obtain information required in conjunction with this study.
3. Before June 1, 2014, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide a final report, together with recommendations, to the legislative management.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2229.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 38            Nays 9            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 79            Nays 12           Absent 3

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State