

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the agriculture in the classroom program; and to repeal chapter 4-37
3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the agriculture in the classroom program.

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

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

7 **Agriculture in the classroom program.**

- 8 1. The agriculture commissioner shall administer an agriculture in the classroom program
9 with the advice of the agriculture in the classroom council.
- 10 2. The agriculture in the classroom council consists of seven individuals. The agriculture
11 commissioner shall appoint six council members. The seventh council member is the
12 superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee. Annually, the
13 council shall elect one of its members to serve as the chairman. 3. At the
14 call of the chairman, the council shall meet at least twice each year, to confer with and
15 advise the agriculture commissioner regarding issues related to the agriculture in the
16 classroom program.
- 17 4. The agriculture commissioner may award grants and contract with any person for the
18 provision of an agriculture in the classroom program, the development of agricultural
19 curriculum activities applicable to students from kindergarten through grade twelve,
20 and the training of teachers in agricultural curriculum activities.
- 21 5. The agriculture commissioner may:
- 22 a. Consult and work with the superintendent of public instruction, the department of
23 career and technical education, the United States department of agriculture, and

- 1 any other public or nonpublic entities to provide and promote an agriculture in the
2 classroom program;
- 3 b. Prepare instructional, informational, and reference publications on the North
4 Dakota agricultural economy and rural lifestyles;
- 5 c. Provide training programs for public school teachers in agricultural curriculum
6 activities;
- 7 d. Encourage research on and identification of new instructional, informational, and
8 reference publications relating to this state's agricultural economy and rural
9 lifestyles; and
- 10 e. Monitor the quality and condition of the agriculture in the classroom program.
- 11 6. The agriculture commissioner may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations in
12 support of the agriculture in the classroom program. If any gifts, grants, or donations
13 are designated for a specific purpose, the commissioner shall honor the purpose
14 provided the purpose is consistent with this chapter.
- 15 7. Members of the agriculture in the classroom council may not receive any
16 compensation for their services on the council, but are entitled to be reimbursed for
17 their expenses incurred in performing their duties in the amounts provided by law for
18 state employees.

19 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Chapter 4-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.