

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to North Dakota scholarship information; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of
3 section 15.1-06-06 and section 15.1-07-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the
4 approval of public schools and the student information system.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-06 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 1. ~~In order to~~To obtain certification that a public school is approved, the superintendent of
9 the district in which the school is located shall submit to the superintendent of public
10 instruction a compliance report verifying that:

11 a. Each classroom teacher is licensed to teach by the education standards and
12 practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices
13 board;

14 b. Each classroom teacher is teaching only in those course areas or fields for which
15 the teacher is licensed or for which the teacher has received an exception under
16 section 15.1-09-57;

17 c. The school meets all curricular requirements set forth in chapter 15.1-21;

18 d. The school participates in and meets the requirements of a review process that
19 is:

20 (1) Designed to improve student achievement through a continuous cycle of
21 improvement; and

22 (2) Approved by the superintendent of public instruction;

23 e. The school has been inspected by the state fire marshal or the state fire
24 marshal's designee in accordance with section 15.1-06-09 and:

- 1 (1) Has no unremedied deficiency; or
2 (2) Has deficiencies that have been addressed in a plan of correction which
3 was submitted to and approved by the state fire marshal or the state fire
4 marshal's designee; ~~and~~
- 5 f. All individuals hired after June 30, 2011, and having unsupervised contact with
6 students at the school, have:
7 (1) Undergone a criminal history background check requested by the employing
8 school district; or
9 (2) Undergone a criminal history background check in order to be licensed by
10 the education standards and practices board or by any other state licensing
11 board; and
- 12 g. The school uses North Dakota eTranscripts, or an alternative information system
13 designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the
14 superintendent of public instruction, to generate official transcripts.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **15.1-07-33. Student information system - Exemption.**

- 18 1. Notwithstanding any other technology requirements imposed by the superintendent of
19 public instruction, the information technology department, or the North Dakota
20 educational technology council, each school district shall acquire PowerSchool
21 through the information technology department and use it as its principal student
22 information system. Each school district shall use a state course code, assigned by
23 the department of public instruction, to identify all local classes in PowerSchool.
- 24 2. The superintendent of public instruction may exempt a school district from having to
25 acquire and utilize PowerSchool if the school district demonstrates that, in accordance
26 with requirements of the bureau of Indian education, the district has acquired and is
27 utilizing a student information system that is determined to be comparable by the
28 superintendent.

29 **SECTION 3.** Section 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
30 enacted as follows:

1 **15.1-21-02.9. North Dakota scholarship – Information system.**

2 Each school district shall use North Dakota eTranscripts, or an alternative information
3 system designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the
4 department of public instruction, to submit official transcripts for the North Dakota academic or
5 career and technical education scholarship to the superintendent of public instruction.