

April 14, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1324

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1436-1438 of the House Journal and pages 1177 and 1178 of the Senate Journal and that Reengrossed House Bill No. 1324 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to audits of regional education associations; to"

Page 1, line 1, replace "15.1-27-03.1" with "15.1-01-03, 15.1-09.1-10,"

Page 1, line 2, after "the" insert "powers and duties of the state board of public school education and the"

Page 1, line 2, after "districts" insert "and regional education associations; to provide statements of legislative intent; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 1, remove lines 4 through 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 3, remove lines 1 through 29

Page 4, replace lines 1 through 31 with:

**"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-01-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-01-03. State board of public school education - Powers and duties.**

1. The state board of public school education shall:
  - a. Assist county committees in carrying out their duties.
  - b. Provide county committees with clerical assistance, plans of procedure, standards, data, maps, forms, and other materials, information, and services.
  - c. Appoint members to the county committee, if the county superintendent does not fulfill this duty, as provided for in section 15.1-10-01.
  - d. Provide oversight for regional education associations as required by chapter 15.1-09.1.
2. The state board of public school education may adopt rules ~~regarding school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions~~ in accordance with chapter 28-32.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

### **Regional education association - Audit.**

To be eligible for state funding, a regional education association must be audited, at least once every two years, by a certified public accountant or a licensed public accountant. The audit must be presented to the state board of public school education. If any irregularities are noted, the state board of public school education may direct the superintendent of public instruction to withhold all payments to a regional education association until the board determines the irregularities have been addressed.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### **15.1-09.1-10. State aid - Payable to a regional education association - Obligation of district.**

4. The superintendent of public instruction shall forward the portion of a school district's state aid which is payable by the superintendent under subdivision l of subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-03.1 as a result of the district's participation in a regional education association directly to the association in which the district participates. The superintendent shall forward the amount payable under this ~~subsection~~section at the same time and in the same manner as provided for other state aid payments under section 15.1-27-01, unless otherwise directed in accordance with section 2 of this Act.
2. ~~If the superintendent of public instruction determines that a school district failed to meet any contractual or statutory obligation imposed upon it as a result of the district's participation in a regional education association, the superintendent shall subtract the amount for which the district was not eligible from any future distribution of state aid to the district under section 15.1-27-01."~~

Page 7, remove the overstrike over line 29

Page 7, line 30, remove the overstrike over "percent of all revenues listed in paragraphs 6, 8, and 9 of"

Page 8, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SERVICES PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying entities that deliver kindergarten through grade twelve professional development services, distance curriculum, support for schools in achieving school improvement goals, assistance with analysis and interpretation of student achievement data, and technology support services. The study must focus on the funding, governance, nature, scope, and quality of services provided to schools. The study also must focus on the duplication of services across entities and the accountability for expenditures. The study must identify efficiencies and the desirability and feasibility of consolidating services. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS.** It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that during the

2017-19 biennium regional education associations merge or partner with other regional education associations and other educational service providers, or both, to form the most efficient and effective system of support for the schools in this state.

**SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - TRANSPORTATION GRANTS.** It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that \$55,400,000 be included in the transportation grants line item in House Bill No. 1013, as approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly