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- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study of intellectual property rights and for a report to the
- 2 legislative council.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 SECTION 1. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS STUDY - REPORT TO

- 5 **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the [state board of higher education]
- 6 [department of commerce] shall conduct a study of the state's intellectual property laws as they
- 7 relate to the protection of intellectual property rights. The study must include a review of the
- 8 state's intellectual property laws, including barriers that may inhibit research and development
- 9 in the state, and must include consideration of successful actions taken by other states to
- 10 improve the protection of intellectual property rights. The [state board of higher education]
- 11 [department of commerce] shall contract with a third party in performing this study. Before
- 12 July 1, 2006, the [chancellor of the North Dakota university system] [commissioner of
- 13 commerce] shall report to the legislative council the outcome of the study and identify proposed
- 14 legislative changes necessary to implement any recommendations to improve the protection of
- 15 intellectual property rights.