

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments****ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1456**

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, Torgerson, Grumbo

Senators Christmann, Lee, Nalewaja

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-34.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the issuance of high school diplomas to home education students;
3 and to repeal section 15-34.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the issuance of
4 high school diplomas by the superintendent of public instruction.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-34.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **High school diplomas - Issuance to home education students.**

- 9 1. A high school diploma may be issued to a student by the student's school district of
10 residence, a state-approved nonpublic high school, or the North Dakota division of
11 independent study if the student, through home education, has met the issuing
12 entity's requirements for high school graduation and the student's parent or legal
13 guardian provides the issuing entity with a description of the course material
14 covered in each high school subject, a description of the course objectives and
15 how the objectives were met, and a transcript of the student's performance in
16 grades nine through twelve.
- 17 2. In the alternative, a high school diploma may be issued to a student by the
18 student's school district of residence, a state-approved nonpublic high school, or
19 the North Dakota division of independent study if the student, through home
20 education, has completed at least seventeen units of high school coursework from
21 the minimum required curriculum offerings established for public and private
22 schools in section 15-41-24 and the student's parent or legal guardian provides the
23 issuing entity with a description of the course material covered in each high school
24 subject, a description of the course objectives and how the objectives were met,

1 and a transcript of the student's performance in grades nine through twelve. The
2 issuing entity may indicate on a diploma issued under this subsection that the
3 student has received home education.

4 3. If for any reason the documentation required in subsection 1 or 2 is unavailable,
5 the entity issuing the diploma may accept any other reasonable proof that the
6 student has met the applicable requirements for high school graduation.

7 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 15-34.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 repealed.