Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

HOUSE BILL NO. 1130 (Education Committee) (At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-21.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to chemical abuse prevention program grants to school districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-21.1-03 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-21.1-03. Grants - Design - Coordination. The state superintendent or designated staff must shall establish guidelines for the school districts to implement a chemical abuse prevention program in North Dakota schools. The guidelines may reflect the following and other criteria as may be appropriate:

- 1. Community involvement through a citizens advisory committee already in place or appointed by the school board.
- 2. Assessment of the current level of services and resources available within a community.
- 3. Assessment of student and staff needs.
- 4. Coordination of activities with public and private agencies whenever possible.
- 5. Development of an appropriate plan for implementation based upon assessed needs.
- 6. Evaluation of programs.
- 7. The budget to support implementation.

Based upon the criteria developed by the department of public instruction <u>and when funds have</u> <u>been appropriated or otherwise made available to implement the program</u>, the superintendent shall review the proposal proposals and grant funds to the school districts.

The school districts may apply for funds independently or form a consortium for a more cost-effective program. The funding will must be based upon the criteria and the merit of each program proposal.

The department shall develop a comprehensive plan to address the coordination of services with existing agencies. These agencies may include the department of human services, state department of health, department of transportation, and law enforcement agencies. The purpose of coordination is to develop state guidelines and identify resources.

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