

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1450

Introduced by

Representatives Timm, Haas, Hawken

Senators Christenson, Cook, Grindberg

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 and a new section to
2 chapter 15.1-29 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of all grade levels
3 by school districts and the education of students in bordering states.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **School districts - Provision of all grade levels - Limitation.**

- 8 1. a. On or before June 30, 2006, each school district in this state shall offer within
9 its boundaries all educational grade levels from one through twelve.
- 10 b. Any district that fails to comply with subdivision a for a period of one year
11 must become, through a process of reorganization or dissolution, attached to
12 a district that is in compliance with subdivision a.
- 13 c. This section does not apply to:
- 14 (1) School districts established under chapter 15.1-08; and
- 15 (2) School districts cooperating in the joint provision of education services
16 under a plan approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 17 2. Before the board of a school district may close a school located within the
18 boundary of a district that was required to undergo reorganization or dissolution
19 under subsection 1, the board shall place the question of closing the school on the
20 ballot. The question may be voted upon only by those qualified electors who
21 reside within the boundary of the district that was required to undergo
22 reorganization or dissolution under subsection 1. The board may not close the
23 school unless a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question approve
24 the closure.

1 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 created and enacted as follows:

3 **Students residing in school districts not offering all grade levels - Education in**
4 **bordering states.**

- 5 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a student may attend school in a
6 bordering state and the student's school district of residence shall pay the tuition in
7 accordance with section 15.1-29-02 if:
- 8 a. The student resides in a school district that on July 1, 2003, did not offer
9 within its boundaries all educational grade levels from one through twelve;
- 10 b. The student resides within forty miles [64.37 kilometers] of a bordering state,
11 as measured from the student's home using the most common route of travel;
12 and
- 13 c. The student notifies the student's school district of residence of the student's
14 intent to attend school in a bordering state.
- 15 2. a. The superintendent of public instruction shall forward all state aid payments
16 for any student attending a public school in a bordering state under this
17 section to the student's school district of residence.
- 18 b. The board of the student's school district of residence may reduce any tuition
19 payment it must make under this section by an amount commensurate with
20 the tuition costs the district would be entitled to receive as compensation for a
21 student from the bordering state enrolled in its school.
- 22 c. Transportation payments for a student attending school in a bordering state
23 must be determined as provided in section 15.1-27-27.
- 24 3. This section does not require a school district of residence to provide
25 transportation or payments in lieu of transportation for a student attending school
26 in a bordering state under this section.