

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-31 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to open enrollment and the transfer of students from certain schools.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Open enrollment - Transfer of students - Responsibility of district of residence.**

7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 15.1-31, a student's parent may apply to
8 a contiguous school district for admission of the student at any time during the
9 school year if:

- 10 a. The student was a victim of violence occurring within the school in which the
11 student was enrolled and the violence was documented;
12 b. The superintendent of public instruction has declared the school in which the
13 student was enrolled to be an unsafe school; or
14 c. The superintendent of public instruction has identified the school in which the
15 student was enrolled as one that requires program improvement for six
16 consecutive years.

17 2. The school district receiving an application under subsection 1 shall review the
18 application to ensure compliance with the provisions of subsection 1 and shall
19 notify the student's parent and the student's school district of residence of the
20 arrangements for the student's transfer within five days from the date the
21 application was received.

22 3. The student's school district of residence shall consider the student transferred as
23 of the date of enrollment by the admitting district.

- 1 4. Upon transfer of a student under this section, the board of the admitting district and
2 the board of the student's school district of residence shall enter into a tuition
3 agreement. The student's school district of residence shall reimburse the admitting
4 district for all costs incurred by the admitting district in providing education for the
5 student.
- 6 5. The student's school district of residence shall transport the student to school in
7 the admitting district or shall reimburse the admitting district for all costs incurred in
8 transporting the student or providing for the transportation of the student to school
9 in the admitting district. These transportation costs are not reimbursable through
10 state transportation funds.
- 11 6. The provisions of this section are applicable to a student until the conclusion of the
12 school year in which the superintendent of public instruction declares that the
13 school in the student's district of residence is no longer an unsafe school or that
14 the school no longer requires program improvement.