

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2065

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to state assessment of public school students in reading, mathematics, and science.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-08. Reading and mathematics, and science - Administration of test.**

7 ~~Beginning during the second half of the 2001-02 school year and annually thereafter, the~~

8 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer to all public school
9 students a test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in
10 reading and mathematics. This test must be administered to at least one grade
11 level selected within each of the following grade spans: grades three through five;
12 grades six through nine; and grades ten through twelve. Beginning no later than
13 the 2005-06 school year and annually thereafter, the superintendent of public
14 instruction shall administer the reading and mathematics test in grades three, four,
15 five, six, seven, eight, and eleven.

16 2. Beginning no later than the 2007-08 school year and annually thereafter, the
17 superintendent of public instruction shall administer to all public school students a
18 test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in science.
19 This test must be administered to at least one grade level selected from three
20 through five; to at least one grade level selected from six through nine; and to
21 grade eleven. The superintendent of public instruction may not administer the
22 grade eleven test after November first of each school year.

23 3. Before application in the 2005-06 school year, all state tests and accompanying
24 rubrics and cut scores referenced in this section must be independently reviewed

1 by representatives of the North Dakota council of educational leaders and may be
2 administered only upon the written concurrence of the North Dakota council of
3 educational leaders and the superintendent of public instruction, and approval of
4 an interim committee of the legislative council. Any other individual who wishes to
5 view and comment on the tests and accompanying rubrics and cut scores must be
6 provided an opportunity to view the tests by the superintendent of public instruction
7 and may provide comments to the interim committee of the legislative council.

- 8 4. All state tests must provide accompanying nationally norm-referenced student
9 evaluations with proficiency standards for at least grades four and eight and for the
10 high school grade in which the tests are administered, in all test categories
11 referenced in this section or in the alternative, another nationally normed test other
12 than the national assessment of educational progress must be administered at the
13 time the state tests are administered to students in grades four and eight and to
14 students at the high school level, and the results must be provided to school
15 districts and to parents. The proficiency standards into which results must be
16 segregated are to be known as advanced, proficient, and novice.