

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Every

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to levies for full-day kindergarten programs; and to amend and reenact  
3 section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of and  
4 levies for kindergarten programs.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-22-01. Kindergarten - Establishment by board - Petition for establishment -**  
9 **Levy.**

- 10 1. Upon its own motion, the board of a school district may establish a free public  
11 kindergarten for the instruction during a school year of resident children below  
12 school age.
- 13 2. If the board receives a petition signed by qualified electors residing in the district  
14 equal in number to at least twenty percent of those who voted in the most recent  
15 annual school district election, the board must submit the question of establishing a  
16 kindergarten to the electorate at the next annual or special school district election.  
17 The margins of electoral approval provided in section 57-15-14 must be applied.
- 18 3. The board of a school district that establishes a full-day kindergarten program  
19 under this section may levy a tax pursuant to either subdivision p of subsection 1 of  
20 section 57-15-14.2 or section 2 of this Act.
- 21 4. The board of a school district that establishes less than a full-day kindergarten  
22 program under this section may levy a tax pursuant to subdivision p of  
23 subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2.

1           **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 created and enacted as follows:

3           **School board levy - Full-day kindergarten.**

- 4           1. The board of a school district may by resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the  
5           board levy a tax not to exceed fifteen mills on the taxable valuation of property  
6           within the district for a period not to exceed fifteen years.
- 7           2. The board shall place all revenue accruing from the levy under this section in a  
8           separate fund known as the full-day kindergarten fund and may make  
9           disbursements from the fund solely for the purpose of supporting full-day  
10          kindergarten programs.
- 11          3. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the termination of the program must be  
12          transferred to the general fund of the school district upon the order of the board.