FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2260

Introduced by

Senators Seymour, Erbele, Flakoll, Holmberg

Representatives Herbel, Horter

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century
- 2 Code, relating to early childhood education.

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

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

6 Early childhood education program - Approval. Any person or school district

7 operating an early childhood education program may request approval of the program from the

8 superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall approve an early childhood

9 education program if the program:

- Is taught by individuals who are licensed to teach in early childhood education by
 the education standards and practices board;
- 12 2. Follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum; and
- 13 3. Is in compliance with all municipal and state health, fire, and safety requirements.

14 Per student funding will not be provided to individuals or school districts offering a

15 prekindergarten program.