

HOUSE BILL NO. 1374

Introduced by

Representatives Hawken, Delmore, R. Kelsch, L. Meier

Senators Flakoll, Holmberg

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 school district programs for English language learners.

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 **English language learners - Program of instruction.** Each school district shall
7 provide a program of instruction for students who are English language learners. The program
8 may be provided by a school district or in conjunction with one or more districts.

9 **Program establishment.** The superintendent of public instruction shall:

- 10 1. Appoint a state advisory committee to assist with the establishment and
11 administration of English language learner programs;
- 12 2. Establish standards for English language learner programs;
- 13 3. Ensure that the English language learner programs use effective research-based
14 methods to teach the students;
- 15 4. Assist school districts with the development and administration of English language
16 learner programs and services;
- 17 5. Employ a program administrator and other necessary personnel; and
- 18 6. Coordinate federal, state, and local funding to maximize the services available to
19 students.

20 **English language learner services - Individualized plans.** If a school district
21 determines through assessment that a student requires English language learner services, the
22 school district shall convene a team to review the student's language and educational needs.
23 The team may develop an individualized language plan and recommend specialized language
24 instruction and related services.