

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1491

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic course delivery; to provide for a legislative council report; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Electronic course delivery - Approval process.

1. Before a person may provide elementary or high school courses electronically to a student, school, or school district in this state, the person must obtain annual approval from the superintendent of public instruction. The electronic delivery of a course includes online and technological delivery methods.
2. Before the superintendent of public instruction may grant approval to a person under this section, the superintendent shall verify that:
 - a. All courses offered by the person in this state are aligned with the state content and performance standards and if standards do not exist for a particular course, the criteria must ensure that the course content is sufficiently challenging for students, given the grade level at which it is offered;
 - b. All teachers involved in the electronic delivery of a course meet or exceed the qualifications and licensure requirements placed on the teachers by the state in which the course originates; and
 - c. All students receiving a course electronically have ongoing contact time with the teachers of the course.

SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. During the 2007-08 interim, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide a report to the legislative council regarding the planning and development of the electronic course delivery approval process to be implemented as provided in this Act.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2009."

Renumber accordingly