

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1566

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, R. Kelsch, L. Meier

Senators Flakoll, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to require that the commissioner of higher education study the interplay
2 between the North Dakota university system and tribally controlled community colleges.

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

4 **SECTION 1. COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION - STUDY - HIGHER**
5 **EDUCATION AND TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGES.** The state
6 commissioner of higher education shall study during the 2009-10 interim, the interplay between
7 the North Dakota university system and tribally controlled community colleges. Specifically, the
8 commissioner shall address ways in which the North Dakota university system as a whole and
9 the individual campuses can better interact with tribally controlled community colleges through
10 improved communication, collaboration, and relationship-building activities. In addition, the
11 commissioner shall focus on ways in which tribally controlled community colleges can
12 encourage American Indians to pursue options in higher education, thereby bringing economic
13 benefit to their families and communities and ways in which the university system and the
14 individual campuses can work with tribally controlled community colleges to provide tutoring,
15 mentoring, and other types of assistance necessary to ensure that the retention rates and
16 graduation rates of American Indian students are increased. The commissioner shall report any
17 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
18 recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.