

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1081

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to establish the P-20 education council.

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

3 **SECTION 1. P-20 education council - Members and terms - Compensation.** The

4 P-20 education council is established consisting of the following members:

5 1. The governor or governor's designee, who is the chairman;

6 2. The superintendent of public instruction;

7 3. The commissioner of higher education;

8 4. The director of the department of career and technical education;

9 5. Two members of the state board of higher education selected by the board to
10 serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office on the
11 board;

12 6. Two members of the state board of public school education selected by the board
13 to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office on the
14 board;

15 7. Two members of the education standards and practices board selected by the
16 board to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office
17 on the board;

18 8. Two members of the state board for career and technical education selected by the
19 board to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office
20 on the board;

21 9. Two members of the senate, including one member from each faction selected by
22 the chairman of the legislative council, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year
23 term following which the term is four years and one of whom shall be appointed to
24 a four-year term:

- 1 10. Two members of the house of representatives, including one member from each
2 faction selected by the chairman of the legislative council, one of whom shall serve
3 an initial two-year term following which the term is four years and one of whom
4 shall be appointed to a four-year term;
- 5 11. The executive director of the North Dakota school boards association;
- 6 12. The executive director of the North Dakota council of educational leaders;
- 7 13. The president of the North Dakota education association;
- 8 14. The president of the North Dakota university system council of college faculties;
- 9 15. The president and vice president of the North Dakota student association;
- 10 16. Three members appointed by the governor who are elementary or secondary
11 schoolteachers or administrators, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year term
12 following which the term is four years and two of whom shall be appointed to
13 four-year terms;
- 14 17. One member appointed by the governor who has special knowledge and expertise
15 relating to special education, who shall serve a four-year term;
- 16 18. One member appointed by the governor who has special knowledge and expertise
17 in preschool or early childhood education, who shall serve an initial two-year term
18 following which the term is four years;
- 19 19. Two members appointed by the commissioner of higher education who are higher
20 education institution faculty members, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year
21 term following which the term is four years and one of whom shall be appointed to
22 a four-year term;
- 23 20. Three members appointed by the commissioner of higher education who are
24 higher education institution administrators, two of whom shall serve initial two-year
25 terms following which the terms are four years and one of whom shall be appointed
26 to a four-year term;
- 27 21. Two members appointed by the governor representing parents who must at the
28 time of appointment have a child attending a school or higher education institution
29 in the state, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year term following which the
30 term is four years and one of whom shall be appointed to a four-year term;

1 22. Two members appointed by the governor representing state tribal schools or with
2 special knowledge and expertise regarding Indian education issues, one of whom
3 shall serve an initial two-year term following which the term is four years and one of
4 whom shall be appointed to a four-year term; and

5 23. Eight members appointed by the governor representing business and community
6 leaders, four of whom shall serve initial two-year terms following which the term is
7 four years and four of whom shall be appointed to four-year terms.

8 The governor or governor's designee may appoint a member as cochairman to serve as
9 chairman if the governor or governor's designee is absent or unable to preside at a meeting or
10 perform other functions.

11 Members who are officers or employees of the state or members of a state board are
12 entitled to reimbursement of expenses by their respective state agencies or institutions or
13 boards for attending meetings and performing other functions of office. Members of the
14 legislative assembly are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in the same manner and
15 amounts as provided for legislative council committee meetings. Other members are entitled to
16 reimbursement of expenses in the same manner and amounts as state officials for attending
17 meetings and performing other functions of office. Members are not entitled to additional
18 compensation, although members who are officers or employees of the state or a political
19 subdivision must be released from their regular duties for time required to attend council
20 meetings and perform other functions of office without loss of pay and benefits.

21 **SECTION 2. P-20 education council - Meetings - Staff - Funding.** The P-20
22 education council shall meet at least twice annually and at times and locations designated by
23 the chairman. The legislative council shall provide necessary staff support and reimbursement
24 of expenses and other necessary funds to support the council.

25 **SECTION 3. P-20 education council - Duties.** The P-20 education council shall:

- 26 1. Not later than September 30, 2010, submit to the governor and legislative council a
27 report that includes steps designed to make the North Dakota education system,
28 from preschool through graduate and postgraduate education, a national leader
29 with standards and expectations equivalent to the best-performing countries in the
30 world. Among other items, the report must address and make recommendations
31 regarding:

- 1 a. Common performance standards and assessments for high school graduation
- 2 and preparation for work and college;
- 3 b. Alignment of P-12 standards and postsecondary curriculum;
- 4 c. More rigorous curriculum and increased expectations;
- 5 d. Career planning; and
- 6 e. Use of a state longitudinal data system for education improvement.
- 7 2. Beginning in 2012 and not later than September thirtieth of each even-numbered
- 8 year, submit to the governor and legislative council a report that includes an
- 9 evaluation of the state's education system and progress in implementing prior
- 10 recommendations and revised or additional recommendations designed to make
- 11 the North Dakota education system a national leader with standards and
- 12 expectations equivalent to the best-performing countries in the world or, once that
- 13 status is attained, to retain that status.