

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Dosch

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the purchase and use of textbooks.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 is created:

5 **Purchase of textbooks - Notification of students.**

6 1. a. At least thirty days before the board of a school district enters a contract to
7 purchase textbooks, the board shall notify each student who is a resident of
8 the district and:

9 (1) Attends a nonpublic school; or

10 (2) Receives home education in accordance with chapter 15.1-23.

11 b. The notification must include the name and author of each textbook to be
12 purchased, the subject and grade level for which the textbook will be used,
13 and the manner in which a student who meets the criteria set forth in section 1
14 may request and receive a copy of the textbook.

15 2. A textbook provided to a student under subsection 1 is on loan to the student and
16 must be returned to the school district at the conclusion of the school year.

17 3. a. The board of a school district may not charge a fee for any textbook provided
18 to a student under section 1.

19 b. The board of a school district may:

20 (1) Require that a student pay a security deposit for the return of the
21 textbook; and

22 (2) Assess a student a use charge if the textbook provided under
23 subsection 1 has received undue wear.

- 1 4. The notification required by subsection 1 may be provided directly to the
2 administrator of a nonpublic school for distribution to students attending the school.