

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

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

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

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

3 **SECTION 1. P-20 education council established - members and terms.:** A P-20

4 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 North Dakota department of career and technical education;

9 5. Two members of the state board of higher education selected by that board to

10 serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their term of office on the

11 board;

12 6. Two members of the state board of public school education selected by that board

13 to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their term of office on the

14 board;

15 7. Two members of the education standards and practices board selected by that

16 board to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their term of office on

17 the board;

18 8. Two members of the state board for career and technical education selected by

19 that board to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their term of

20 office on the board;

21 9. Two members of the senate, including one member from each party selected by

22 the chairman of the legislative council, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year

23 term following which the term shall be four years and one of whom shall be

24 appointed to a four-year term:

- 1        10. Two members of the house of representatives, including one member from each  
2                    party selected by the chairman of the legislative council, one of whom shall serve  
3                    an initial two-year term following which the term shall be four years and one of  
4                    whom 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                    school teachers or administrators, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year term  
12                    following which the term shall be 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 shall be 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 shall be four years and one of whom shall be  
22                    appointed to 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 shall be four years and one of whom shall be  
26                    appointed 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 shall be 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 shall be four years and  
4        one of whom shall be appointed to a four-year term; and

5        23. Eight members appointed by the governor representing business and community  
6        leaders, for of whom shall serve initial two-year terms following which the term  
7        shall be 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 a cochairman to serve  
9        as chairman if the governor or governor's designee is absent or unable to preside at a meeting  
10       or 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. Legislators are entitled  
14       to reimbursement of expenses in the same manner and amounts as provided for legislative  
15       council committee meetings. Other members are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in the  
16       same manner and amounts as state officials for attending meetings and performing other  
17       functions of office. Members shall not be entitled to additional compensation, although  
18       members who are officers or employees of the state or a political subdivision must be released  
19       from their regular duties for time required to attend council meetings and perform other  
20       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
- 2           graduation, 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, 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.