

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2229**

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, J. Lee, Murphy

Representatives Hawken, N. Johnson, Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the authorization of a school district mill levy for an early childhood
3 education program; and to amend and reenact section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to early childhood education.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-09-58. ~~Prekindergarten program~~ Early childhood education - Authorization -**
9 **Support.**

10 The board of a school district may establish ~~a prekindergarten~~ an early childhood education
11 program and, provided the program is approved by the superintendent of public instruction in
12 accordance with chapter 15.1-37, may receive and expend any state support that program with:

- 13 1. Local tax revenues, other than those necessary to support the district's kindergarten
14 program and the provision of elementary and high school educational services;
- 15 2. State moneys specifically appropriated for the program, ~~any federal;~~
- 16 3. Federal funds specifically appropriated or approved for the program, ~~and any gifts; and~~
- 17 4. Gifts, grants, and donations specifically given for the program.

18 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 57-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
19 and enacted as follows:

20 **Early childhood education program - Mill levy - Voter approval.**

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, upon approval by a majority of the
22 qualified electors of the school district voting on the question at a regular or special school
23 district election, the board of the district may dedicate a tax levy of one mill on each dollar of
24 taxable valuation of real property in the district for the purpose of establishing and supporting an

- 1 early childhood education program. All revenue accruing from this levy must be deposited in a
- 2 separate fund known as the early childhood education program fund. If the need for the early
- 3 childhood education program fund terminates, the board shall order the termination of the levy
- 4 and shall transfer any balance remaining in the fund to the general fund of the school district.