

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1461**

Introduced by

Representatives Toman, Grande, Heller, B. Koppelman, K. Koppelman, Rohr, Ruby,  
Thoreson

Senators Larsen, Sitte, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-23-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to home education.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-23-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-23-09. Home education - Standardized achievement test - Exemption.**

7 1. a. While in grades four, six, eight, and ten, each child receiving home education  
8 shall take a:

9 (1) A standardized achievement test used by the school district in which the  
10 child resides; or, if requested by the parent, shall take a

11 (2) A nationally normed standardized achievement test if requested by the  
12 child's parent.

13 b. The child shall take the test in the child's learning environment or, if requested by  
14 the child's parent, in a public school. An individual licensed to teach by the  
15 education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education  
16 standards and practices board shall administer the test.

17 2. a. The requirement of subsection 1 does not apply if the parent notifies the school  
18 district in which the child resides that the parent has a philosophical, moral, or  
19 religious objection to the use of standardized achievement tests and the parent:

20 (1) Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or  
21 approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;

22 (2) Holds a baccalaureate degree; or

- 1                   (3) Has met or exceeded the cutoff score of a national teacher examination  
2                   given in this state or in any other state if this state does not offer such an  
3                   examination.
- 4           b. The parent shall file the notification required by this subsection with the school  
5           district at the same time that the parent files the statement of intent to supervise  
6           home education required by section 15.1-23-02.