

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2186

Introduced by

Senators Clemens, Dever, G. Lee

Representatives Adams, Satrom, Strinden

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-19 and a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~providing~~requiring schools ~~with~~to post information regarding ~~school safety and awareness issues to be posted in school common areas~~child abuse, neglect, and school safety and crisis reporting programs; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

~~School safety and awareness~~Child abuse and neglect information and resources in schools.

The superintendent of public instruction, ~~in coordination with other relevant state agencies,~~ shall ~~create~~require each school to post, at an average student's eye level, in school common areas information, resources, and helplines for students regarding ~~appropriate school safety and awareness issues~~child abuse and neglect. The ~~superintendent shall disseminate the information, resources, and helplines to schools to be posted in school common areas~~helpline numbers must be easily discernible from a distance of ten feet [3.05 meters].

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

School safety and crisis reporting programs - Confidentiality of records - Continuing appropriation.

1. The attorney general shall encourage and promote the use of statewide and locally selected school safety and crisis reporting programs.

2. If funding becomes available, the attorney general may:

1 a. Expand a statewide program to include tailored reporting mechanisms targeted to
2 incidents of bullying and physical or sexual abuse; and

3 b. Conduct outreach to promote awareness of statewide and locally selected school
4 safety and crisis reporting programs.

5 3. All records or information related to the operation of programs described in
6 subsection 1 are exempt records as defined in section 44-04-18.1.

7 4. The attorney general may seek and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any
8 source for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this section. All moneys
9 received as gifts, grants, and donations are appropriated to the attorney general on a
10 continuing basis for the purpose of carrying out this section.

11 5. The attorney general may adopt rules necessary to administer the duties required to
12 carry out this section.