

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1329

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Swiontek

Senator Axtman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the duties of the superintendent of public instruction and the
3 establishment of a government spending database; to provide an appropriation; and to provide
4 an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Government spending database - Requirements - Superintendent of public**
9 **instruction.**

- 10 1. As used in this section, "submitting party" means:
11 a. A budget unit under section 54-44.1-04;
12 b. A political subdivision;
13 c. A school district; and
14 d. An institution under the control of the state board of higher education.
15 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall collect data from submitting parties and
16 establish and maintain a government spending database that is accessible without
17 cost through the internet and contains detailed expenditure data collected from
18 submitting parties. The data must be updated at least monthly.
19 3. The database must include for each expenditure:
20 a. The amount paid.
21 b. The payment date.
22 c. The recipient name.

- 1 d. The paying entity.
- 2 e. The employee position, if for a personnel payment.
- 3 f. For a school district, with respect to educational materials:
 - 4 (1) A description of curriculum.
 - 5 (2) The publisher and author of a textbook.
 - 6 (3) A description of software specifications and developer identification.
- 7 g. A standardized categorization using United States census bureau codes for state
8 and local transactions and nationally recognized standardized codes for school
9 districts and institutions of higher education.
- 10 4. The database must provide:
 - 11 a. Search capabilities.
 - 12 b. Data aggregation tools.
 - 13 c. Download options in common formats.
 - 14 d. Anonymous salary and benefit information.
 - 15 e. Regular updates of all information.
- 16 5. A submitting party shall provide the required data as directed, ensure the accuracy of
17 the data, and use existing resources for compliance with the requirements of this
18 section.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -**

20 **GOVERNMENT SPENDING DATABASE - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of
21 any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
22 \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction
23 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a government spending database, for the
24 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this
25 section is considered a one time funding item.

26 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 1 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2026.