

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

HOUSE BILL NO. 1035
(Legislative Council)
(Budget Committee on Government Services)
(Representatives Martin, Sveen)
(Senator St. Aubyn)

AN ACT to create and enact chapter 54-24.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota library coordinating council; to amend and reenact sections 54-24-02, 54-24-03, 54-24-09, 54-24.3-01, 54-24.3-03, 54-24.3-04, 54-24.3-05, 54-24.3-06, 54-24.3-07, 54-24.3-08, 54-24.3-09, 54-24.3-10, 54-24.3-11, 54-24.3-12, 54-24.3-13, 54-24.3-14, 54-24.3-15, and 54-24.3-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state library and multitype library authorities; to repeal sections 54-24-07 and 54-24.3-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state library printing costs and the statewide library planning committee; and to provide appropriations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24-02. Library offices. The state library must be furnished with adequate office room, with such suitable quarters as may be necessary for the proper shelving of ~~the educational reference~~ its library, ~~the books of the traveling libraries, and the legislative reference collection materials.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24-03. Powers and duties of state librarian. The state librarian shall:

1. Make rules for the operation of the state library.
2. Provide and care for all books and library materials in all collections of the state library; ~~general, reference, and special, and make all rules regarding the loaning and returning of library materials~~ and work to focus the collections.
3. Employ qualified library personnel to care for all library procedures.
4. Make library materials available to libraries throughout the state, to individuals connected with departments of state, and to citizens of North Dakota who do not have adequate library facilities, under the rules of the state library.
5. ~~Promote and assist by counsel and encouragement the formation of libraries and the improvement of those already established, in keeping with state and national standards, and be available to librarians and trustees of libraries in the state for assistance in organization, maintenance, or administration of the libraries.~~ Work to improve library services to citizens by providing assistance to librarians and library trustees and staff and by encouraging the extension of networking and regional and statewide cooperation among libraries.
6. Coordinate the efforts of librarianship throughout the state, advising and assisting the extension of qualified public libraries into centers of county or ~~regional (multicounty)~~ multicounty libraries.

7. Compile statistics of the free public on all North Dakota libraries of North Dakota and their services and their larger counterparts of county and regional multicounty libraries, regional library cooperatives including multitype library authorities, and of the work done at the state library, and make a full biennial report to the superintendent of public instruction and the governor. The state librarian may not require a private sector library to submit information relating to the provisions of this subsection.
8. Collect, maintain, and make available a reference and reading collection of books, slides, films, and other graphic informational materials that supplement and support the needs of all libraries in the state, either by direct loan or by consultation, and that form a reference source for the officers of the state in performing their duties.
9. Collect and maintain a collection of the publications of the departments and agencies of state government, including the enacted laws of this state, current session laws, and journals. Assist libraries in developing local standards and guidelines defining the basic level of service that they will provide.
10. Conduct, or have conducted, research into the conditions of library service in the state, and produce written plans for the development and betterment of that service.
11. Compile, or have compiled, union lists of resources of libraries throughout the state, and make those lists available for consultation. Promote and assist in the development of regional library cooperatives, including multitype library authorities.
12. Establish levels of certification for librarians libraries of the state that meet the standards recommended by the American library association and the North Dakota library association.
13. Promote and assist libraries in this state in developing and maintaining a computerized, comprehensive, bibliographic statewide data base for storing bibliographic records of libraries which allows residents unmediated, seamless, direct access to library catalogs with a common interface and a common set of commands and the ability to search the library collections of the entire state at one time or only the collections of the local library, regional libraries, or select group of libraries.
14. Coordinate interlibrary loan activities throughout this state.
15. Arrange for continuing education and training programs for library personnel.
16. Provide technical assistance and counsel to library personnel.
17. Distribute grants to libraries within the limits of legislative appropriations for the purpose of developing or improving library services or programs.
18. Provide staff services to the North Dakota library coordinating council.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24-09 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24-09. Distribution of certain state publications for certain libraries required. The state purchasing and printing agent shall arrange to deposit with the state library eight copies of all publications issued by all executive, legislative, and judicial agencies of state government intended for general public distribution. These publications must be provided to the state library without charge. ~~Should~~ If expense and limited supply of state publications, particularly audiovisual items, make strict compliance with the depository requirement impossible, the state library shall accept as many copies as an agency can afford to provide. However, each agency shall provide no less than two copies must be provided to the state library by each agency. State publications refer to any informational materials regardless of format, method of reproduction, or source, originating in or produced with the imprint of, by the authority of, or at the total or partial expense of, any state agency. The definition incorporates those publications that may or may not be financed by state funds but are released by private bodies such as research and consultant firms under contract with or supervision of any state agency. In

circumstances not directly involving the state purchasing and printing agent, a state agency shall comply with the depository requirement by arranging with the necessary parties for the printing and deposit of eight copies of any state publication issued. State publications are specifically defined as public documents appearing as reports, directories, statistical compendiums, bibliographies, laws or bills, rules, regulations, newsletters, bulletins, state plans, brochures, periodicals, committee minutes, transcripts of public hearings, other printed matter, audiotapes, videotapes, films, filmstrips, or slides, but not those administrative or training materials used only within the issuing agency. As the document acquisition and distribution agency, the state library shall retain for its ~~own use~~ document collection two copies of every state document received and transmit the remaining copies to the depository libraries. These are the libraries of the state historical board, the university of North Dakota, North Dakota state university, library of Congress, and two others to be designated by the state library. All nondepository North Dakota libraries ~~shall have the opportunity to~~ may receive state documents under an optional selection program developed by the state library. The state library shall catalog state publications and arrange for their conversion to microfilm or to optical disk storage prescribed by the state records administrator and shall make available for distribution the same to the designated depository libraries.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-01 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-01. Definitions. In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Academic library" means a library that is part of a college or university that is publicly or privately funded and whose primary role is to provide resources to enrich and support the school's curricula and the research needs of students and faculty.
2. "Library resource center" means a central service unit, whose location is to be agreed upon by members of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative and ~~who~~ which is responsible for extending special services to support members of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative, while meeting all ~~authority~~ cooperative standards.
3. "Multitype library authority" means a geographic subdivision within which multitype libraries are organized for the purpose of providing library and information services through cooperation and mutual support.
4. ~~"Multitype library authority network" means the statewide group of multitype library authorities.~~
5. "Participant library" means any library agreeing to join a ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative.
6. "Public library" means a library that is supported with funds derived from taxation and which maintains a balanced collection of materials to serve the lifelong information, reading, and recreational needs of the general population.
6. "Regional library cooperative" means an organization of one or more types of library organized under article VI of section 54-24.1-01, or a multitype library authority.
7. "School library media center" means a learning center operated as part of a publicly or privately supported school or school district and whose role is to provide instruction, cooperatively design learning strategies, and provide resources that support and enrich the curriculum, following the North Dakota school library media guidelines.
8. "Special library" means a public or private sector library whose collection is specialized and limited in scope and size and whose role is to provide information to a limited clientele.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-03 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-03. Committee North Dakota library coordinating council powers and duties. In the administration of this chapter, the ~~committee~~ North Dakota library coordinating council may:

1. Adopt ~~bylaws~~ rules for the conduct of business.
2. Provide guidance for the development, implementation, and improvement of ~~the multitype library authority network~~ regional library cooperatives.
3. Enter ~~into~~ contracts necessary for establishing and governing regional library cooperatives.
4. ~~Utilize~~ Use the staff of the state library ~~as permitted by~~ in consultation with the state librarian.
5. Adopt a compensation plan for ~~network~~ staff as necessary for establishing and governing regional library cooperatives.
6. Set the terms and conditions of statewide service contracts with libraries.
7. Determine necessary or desirable ~~interauthority~~ regional or statewide library programs or services.
8. Propose standards for service.
9. Set ~~interauthority~~ reimbursement formulas among regional library cooperatives for reciprocal borrowing and other cooperative plans and set statewide policies for reimbursement formulas for reciprocal borrowing.
10. Conduct periodic performance reviews of ~~multitype library authorities~~ all categories of coordinating council grant-funded projects and make service revisions.
11. ~~Determine types of interaction and linkage of the North Dakota multitype library network with interstate and national library networks.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-04 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-04. ~~Multitype library authorities~~ Regional library cooperatives - Establishment.

~~The committee shall~~ North Dakota library coordinating council may establish ~~one multitype library authority during the 1991-93 biennium and shall establish one or more multitype library authorities in each biennium thereafter, until no fewer than four nor more than eight are in existence~~ regional library cooperatives. In establishing the ~~authorities~~ cooperatives, the ~~committee~~ council shall consider:

1. Population;
2. Population density;
3. Number and types of libraries;
4. Library information resources, including existing libraries, staff and collections;
5. Marketing and transportation patterns;
6. Proximity of municipalities;
7. Geographic size of the authority;
8. Finances; and
9. Any other matter not inconsistent with this section.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-05 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-05. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperative interim planning committee - Establishment. ~~The statewide library planning committee~~ North Dakota library coordinating council shall appoint an interim planning committee for ~~the multitype library authority~~ a

proposed regional library cooperative. The interim planning committee must consist of two lay representatives residing within the authority cooperative and five librarians. The librarians ~~must~~, as far as practical, must represent public libraries, academic libraries, school library media centers, and special libraries.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-06 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-06. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperative interim planning committee - Duties. In the administration of this chapter, the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative interim planning committee may:

1. Elect provisional officers;
2. Identify all librarians eligible to be members of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative;
3. Hold informational meetings;
4. Distribute and receive applications for memberships in the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative;
5. Draft interim bylaws for the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative;
6. Prepare papers of incorporation;
7. Publicize activities;
8. Prepare a three-year plan for the development of services within the authority cooperative and present it to the ~~statewide planning committee~~ North Dakota library coordinating council for review and approval; and
9. Exercise any other duty that is necessary to carry out this chapter.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-07 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-07. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperative - Membership. To join the regional ~~multitype library authority~~ library cooperative, a library ~~shall~~ must obtain official approval from its board and submit an application to the interim planning committee. A library that agrees to provide to any person residing within the authority cooperative access to its collection on the premises, reciprocal borrowing privileges, and interlibrary loan service, may apply for membership. To be eligible for membership, a library ~~shall~~ must have defined service objectives, a fixed location, regular hours of service, an organized collection of information and materials accessible for use by its designated clientele, and a qualified and responsible staff. The library ~~shall~~ must have an identifiable organizational structure and a legal basis for operation. The library ~~shall~~ must be willing and able to participate in appropriate services and programs as set forth by the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative. The ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative interim planning committee shall review all applications and approve applicants for membership.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-08 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-08. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperative - Board. Each participating library shall designate a representative to sit on the board of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative. At its first meeting, the board shall elect a president, vice president, treasurer, and any other officer it determines to be necessary. The director of the designated library resource center shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. The board shall meet at least six times a year and has the power to contract, hire staff and set compensation levels, and adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business. The term of office for all officers of the board is one year, commencing on the January first after election.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-09 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-09. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperative - Powers and duties. In the administration of this chapter, each ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative may:

1. Sue and be sued in the name of the ~~authority~~ cooperative.
2. Designate for the ~~multitype library authority~~ cooperative a central library resource center with responsibility to extend special services to ~~authority~~ cooperative members while meeting all ~~authority~~ cooperative standards.
3. Designate an administrative officer for the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative.
4. Establish, manage, maintain, and operate library facilities.
5. Employ necessary personnel to carry out ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter.
6. Purchase supplies and equipment.
7. Acquire and hold property by purchase, devise, lease, gift, or otherwise and sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of property.
8. Prepare and adopt a budget.
9. Receive and account for funds from ~~authority~~ cooperative members.
10. Adopt rules.
11. Make an annual report to each member regarding the budget and expenditures, services rendered, program, development plans, audits, and any other information.
12. Enter into contracts necessary to fulfill this chapter.
13. Establish and collect rates and charges for services rendered.
14. Invest excess funds.
15. Establish special funds.
16. Join and participate in civic and professional organizations.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-10 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-10. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperative members - Rights and responsibilities. All members of a ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative are entitled to receive supplementary reference services, delivery service for library materials, interlibrary loan services, and assistance with citation and location of materials, and reciprocal borrowing privileges among the users of member libraries. All members of a ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative shall share resources with the exception that rare or restricted materials may be exempt, implementing use standards and protocols; avail themselves of continuing education and training opportunities provided by the ~~authority~~ cooperative; participate in reference, referral, and interlibrary loan services using communication systems for information exchanged among all types of libraries; maintain total expenditures for library operation, excluding capital improvements, at a level not lower than the preceding fiscal year, or maintain the same or higher mill levy or mill rate equivalency as the preceding fiscal year; and participate in cooperative bibliographic projects.

SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-11 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-11. Voting rights of members. Each academic, institutional, public, school, and special library has one vote on the board of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative. Each operating public school district has one vote on the board of the ~~authority cooperative~~, and represents all public school media centers located within the district. Private and parochial school media centers located within each public school district are a single entity, and shall elect one voting representative from among themselves.

SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-12 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-12. Withdrawal of membership. To discontinue participation in a ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative, a library ~~authority cooperative~~ member shall ~~obtain a resolution or letter that originally requested membership, and~~ give, in advance, a one-year written notice to the board of the ~~multitype library authority with a copy to~~ cooperative and the statewide North Dakota library planning committee, at least two years before the desired effective date of termination ~~coordinating council~~. No member may withdraw unless it has been a participant in the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative for at least ~~five~~ two years at the time of termination. The withdrawing member shall return all property of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative.

SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-13 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-13. ~~Multitype library authority~~ Regional library cooperatives - Operating grants. Each ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative, upon formation, ~~may apply to the statewide library planning committee for a grant to include costs of operation, equipment, interlibrary loan reimbursement funding, and any other necessary purpose~~ North Dakota library coordinating council for grant funds available for disbursement by the council.

SECTION 16. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-14 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-14. Fiscal controls and reports. The board of the ~~multitype library authority~~ a regional library cooperative shall develop appropriate accounting and record management policies and procedures documenting the operations of the ~~multitype library authority cooperative~~. These policies and procedures must provide that:

1. All records for the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative and board, including those of the board treasurer, are to be maintained at the ~~authority cooperative~~ headquarters.
2. Copies of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative board minutes are sent to each member library, the North Dakota library coordinating council, and ~~to the statewide library planning committee~~ the state librarian.
3. The fiscal year runs from July first to June thirtieth and financial records and activities are maintained in accordance with accepted accounting practices. A record of all bills, payments, and receipts must be presented to the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative board by the treasurer at regular meetings and at any other meeting as required by the board.
4. An annual report of cooperative operations, including an accounting of all revenues and expenses, must be filed with the North Dakota library coordinating council and the state librarian at the close of each fiscal year.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-15 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-15. Cooperative services and activities.

1. Each ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative shall include as part of its five-year plan for development, provisions for:

- a. Reference services to supplement those provided by each local library, including interlibrary reference and referral services to residents of the ~~authority~~ cooperative.
 - b. Interlibrary loan services on behalf of residents of the ~~authority~~ cooperative.
 - c. Delivery services for library materials.
 - d. Citation and location services for library materials.
2. Each ~~multitype library authority~~ cooperative may provide for:
- a. Consultant services and shared staff expertise;
 - b. Cooperative or coordinated acquisition of library materials or subject specialization programs;
 - c. Reciprocal borrowing between member librarians;
 - d. Staff development and inservice training programs;
 - e. Centralized ordering, cataloging, and processing of the library materials;
 - f. Cooperative storage of library materials and lost-copy protection programs;
 - g. Access to computerized literature citation and information data bases;
 - h. Preservation of library materials programs;
 - i. Public relations services; and
 - j. Any other services not inconsistent with this section.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.3-16 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.3-16. Dissolution of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative. If the need for a ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative ceases to exist, the board of the ~~multitype library authority~~ may cooperative, by a two-thirds vote of its members, ~~may~~ declare its intent to dissolve the organization and file with the ~~statewide library planning committee~~ North Dakota library coordinating council a plan for affecting ~~such~~ the dissolution. Upon receipt of the dissolution plan, the ~~committee~~ council shall determine if the area of service can be allocated to other ~~multitype library authorities~~ regional library cooperatives, determine whether the assets and liabilities of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative seeking to dissolve can be assumed and absorbed by adjoining ~~multitype library authorities~~ regional library cooperatives, and consider any other factors ~~which that~~ relate to the operation and functioning of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative seeking to dissolve. If the ~~committee~~ council determines that the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative should be dissolved, the dissolution takes effect when all legal and fiscal obligations of the ~~multitype library authority~~ regional library cooperative have been satisfied.

SECTION 19. Chapter 54-24.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

54-24.4-01. North Dakota library coordinating council - Members - Term. The North Dakota library coordinating council consists of ten members. The president of the North Dakota library association is an ex officio, voting member of the council. The state librarian is an ex officio nonvoting member of the council. The governor shall appoint eight members to the council, one of whom must represent special libraries, one of whom must represent public higher education institution libraries, one of whom must represent private higher education institution libraries, one of whom must represent school libraries, two of whom must represent public libraries, one of whom must represent disabled, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations, and one citizen at large. The governor shall take into account reasonable geographic considerations when appointing members of the council. The term of each member is three years. Of the initial council, three members must be appointed by the

governor for a three-year term, three members must be appointed by the governor for a two-year term, and two members must be appointed by the governor for a one-year term. If at any time during a member's term, the member ceases to possess the qualifications required by this section, the member's office is deemed vacant and the governor shall appoint a qualified representative to complete the term of office. No member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

54-24.4-02. North Dakota library coordinating council - Compensation and expense reimbursement. Each member of the North Dakota library coordinating council is entitled to receive the same per day compensation as provided for members of the legislative council under section 54-35-10, together with expenses as provided in sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09, while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council. No compensation may be paid under this section to any council member who receives compensation as a regular state official or employee.

54-24.4-03. North Dakota library coordinating council - Meetings. The North Dakota library coordinating council shall hold at least one meeting each calendar year for the purpose of awarding grants or contracts. The council shall give notice to the press and the public of any council meeting at least thirty days in advance of the meeting. Awarding of any grant or contract requires approval by two-thirds of the members of the council.

54-24.4-04. North Dakota library coordinating council - Powers. The North Dakota library coordinating council may elect from its members an executive committee to assist it in performing its duties. The council, in consultation with the state librarian, may request assistance from the staff of the state library in performing its powers and duties.

54-24.4-05. North Dakota library coordinating council - Duties. The North Dakota library coordinating council shall:

1. Assist in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of libraries in the state.
2. Serve as the state advisory council on libraries as required by Public Law No. 101-254.
3. Approve the distribution of grants to libraries, except for grants distributed under chapter 54-24.2.
4. Facilitate the development of a comprehensive statewide electronic data base, generate statewide resource sharing, and encourage electronic networking among all types of libraries.
5. Strengthen and support the state library in its role of coordinating the extension and improvement of library services in the state.
6. Strengthen and support regional library cooperatives in extending and improving library services in the state.
7. Inform the public and governing bodies of the goals and objectives of the council and of the role of libraries in assuring equitable access to information technology and basic library services.
8. Support literacy projects for all ages.
9. Facilitate the coordination of statewide library services.
10. Take action necessary to carry out chapter 54-24.3 and this chapter.

SECTION 20. REPEAL. Section 54-24-07 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 54-24.3-02 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$55,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state library for the purpose of connecting library information systems

currently operating in the state to allow residents access to library collections included in these systems with one seamless unmediated search, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$70,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state library for the purpose of providing grants to libraries, schools, or regional library cooperatives to assist them in accessing the internet, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999. The state library shall distribute the grants to libraries, schools, or regional library cooperatives as directed by the North Dakota library coordinating council. The North Dakota library coordinating council shall award grants based on the following criteria:

1. A library, school, or regional library cooperative receiving a grant must provide matching funds.
2. When possible, libraries, schools, and regional library cooperatives should establish partnerships to create and maintain networks.
3. Projects receiving grants must acknowledge and respond to the needs of the public.
4. Internet access for public users must be ensured and the network must be accessible, easy to operate, attractive, and well-supported through training, technical support, maintenance, and upgrading of the network and its associated equipment.
5. The network must be developed and operated with broad participation and input from users.
6. The network must meet appropriate state, national, and international standards and specifications and have the capability to connect with existing telecommunications systems.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1035.

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Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 4 Absent 3

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