

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

Introduced by

Representative Tollefson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to school accreditation standards; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of
3 section 15-40.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to educational support per
4 student; and to repeal sections 15-21-04.1 and 15-45-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
5 relating to the adoption of accreditation standards by the superintendent of public instruction.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 15-40.1-06 of the 1995
8 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 9 2. a. The educational support per student during the first year of the ~~1995-97~~
10 biennium must be one thousand seven hundred fifty-seven dollars and for the
11 second year of the biennium the educational support per student must be one
12 thousand eight hundred sixty-two dollars and is the basis for calculating
13 grants-in-aid on a per student basis as provided in sections 15-40.1-07 and
14 15-40.1-08.
- 15 b. School districts operating high schools not meeting the minimum curriculum
16 as provided in section 15-41-24 or the teacher qualifications in section
17 15-41-25 must be supported in the amount of two hundred twenty dollars,
18 which is the basis for calculating grants-in-aid on a per student basis as
19 provided in section 15-40.1-07.
- 20 c. School districts operating high schools that are not accredited ~~pursuant to the~~
21 ~~accreditation standards adopted by the superintendent of public instruction on~~
22 ~~July 1, 1991,~~ or that become unaccredited ~~in any succeeding school year~~
23 must be supported ~~for the 1991-92 school year or~~ for the first year that they
24 become unaccredited in the amount of the educational support per student

1 established in subdivision a, which is the basis for calculating grants-in-aid on
2 a per student basis as provided in section 15-40.1-07, but those school
3 districts are not entitled to the amounts resulting from applying the factors in
4 that section. The amount of aid a school district is entitled to under this
5 subsection for each high school that is not accredited must be reduced by two
6 hundred dollars times the number of students in the school for the second
7 school year that the high school is unaccredited, and an additional two
8 hundred dollars per student in the unaccredited school for each additional
9 year the school remains unaccredited. Any high school that becomes
10 accredited is entitled to the per student payments provided for in section
11 15-40.1-07 for the entire school year in which the school becomes accredited.

12 d. School districts operating elementary schools that are not accredited pursuant
13 ~~to the accreditation standards adopted by the superintendent of public~~
14 ~~instruction on July 1, 1992,~~ or that become unaccredited in any succeeding
15 school year must be supported ~~for the 1992-93 school year or~~ for the first year
16 that they become unaccredited in the amount of the educational support per
17 student established in subdivision a, which is the basis for calculating
18 grants-in-aid on a per student basis as provided in section 15-40.1-08, except
19 that the amount of aid that a school district is entitled to under this subsection
20 for each elementary school that is unaccredited must be reduced by two
21 hundred dollars times the number of students in the school each year that the
22 elementary school is unaccredited. Any elementary school that becomes
23 accredited is entitled to the per student payments provided for in section
24 15-40.1-08 for the entire school year in which the school becomes accredited.

25 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 created and enacted as follows:

27 **Adoption of accreditation standards - Exemptions.**

28 1. The legislative assembly, through the legislative process, shall establish the
29 standards for the accreditation of the public and private schools and the home
30 schools of this state. The legislative assembly may not approve any standards that

1 are not directly related to basic academic curricula subjects and the manner in
2 which those subjects are taught.

3 2. Any public or private school whose students score, in the aggregate, at or above
4 the fiftieth percentile on any national standardized academic achievement test of
5 the local school board's choice is considered an accredited school and is exempt
6 from compliance with the accreditation standards adopted pursuant to subsection 1
7 for each school year following the one during which the students achieved that
8 standing.

9 3. Any accreditation standards in existence on the effective date of this Act expire on
10 June 30, 1999.

11 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Sections 15-21-04.1 and 15-45-03 of the North Dakota Century
12 Code are repealed.