

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1429**

Introduced by

Representative Oban

1 A BILL for an Act relating to the appointment of a commission for the purpose of studying the  
2 state's role in the delivery of a seamless and a uniform system of education, as referenced in  
3 section 2 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. North Dakota education commission - Members - Compensation.**

- 6 1. The governor shall appoint seven members to the North Dakota education  
7 commission. The members shall have a strong understanding of the interaction  
8 between public education and the economic well-being of the state. The  
9 superintendent of public instruction, the chancellor of higher education, the  
10 president of the state board of higher education, the director of vocational and  
11 technical education, and the chairman of the state board for vocational and  
12 technical education shall serve as ex officio members. The governor shall appoint  
13 one of the members to serve as chairman of the commission. The commission  
14 shall meet at the times and locations selected by the chairman.
- 15 2. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the same per diem  
16 compensation as provided for members of the legislative council under section  
17 54-35-10, and reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers,  
18 while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the commission, except  
19 that no compensation under this section may be paid to any member who receives  
20 compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.
- 21 3. The governor shall provide administrative, clerical, and other staff support to the  
22 commission.

23 **SECTION 2. North Dakota education commission - Duties - Recommendations.**

- 1           1.    The commission shall study the administrative consolidation of elementary,  
2               secondary, vocational, and higher education in this state. The commission shall  
3               address and make recommendations regarding:
  - 4               a.    The development and implementation of an efficient administrative structure  
5                    appropriate to the management and control of elementary, secondary,  
6                    vocational, and higher education in this state;
  - 7               b.    The qualifications of personnel involved in such an administrative structure,  
8                    including the method of selecting such personnel;
  - 9               c.    Elementary, secondary, vocational, and higher education delivery systems,  
10                  including those that are technologically based; and
  - 11              d.    Any other issues related to the state's role in the delivery to its citizens of a  
12                  seamless education system and a uniform education system, beginning with  
13                  the primary and extending through all grades up to and including schools of  
14                  higher education, as referenced in section 2 of article VIII of the Constitution  
15                  of North Dakota.
- 16           2.    The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislative  
17               council or to a committee designated by the legislative council on or before  
18               August 1, 1998.

19           **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 1999, and  
20   after that date is ineffective.