

HOUSE BILL NO. 1476

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, D. Johnson, Wardner

Senator Andrist

1 A BILL for an Act to define the duties of the K-12 excellence task force; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Educational excellence task force - Members - Duties.** The governor
5 shall appoint a K-12 excellence task force of nine members, eight of whom are to consist of
6 representation from the department of public instruction, the legislative assembly, school
7 administrators, school boards, teachers, business and industry, higher education, and parents.
8 The governor shall appoint the lieutenant governor as the ninth member, who shall serve as
9 chairman. The task force shall:

- 10 1. Develop and implement a plan to identify and evaluate core subject content
11 standards suitable for adoption by the 1999 legislative assembly as curriculum
12 reference standards for public school districts;
- 13 2. Recommend technology resources to support standards-referenced curriculum in
14 public schools; and
- 15 3. Report its findings and recommendations regarding standards adoption and
16 technology funding to the legislative council on or before December 1, 1998.

17 **SECTION 2. Meetings - Compensation and reimbursement of task force**
18 **members.** The chairman shall set the time and place of all task force meetings. Each member
19 of the task force is entitled to receive the same per diem compensation as provided for
20 members of the legislative council under section 54-35-10, and reimbursement of expenses as
21 provided by law for state officers, while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the
22 council, except that no compensation under this section may be paid to any member who
23 receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

1 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
2 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,300,000, or so
3 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the Myrdal
4 fund for excellence grants line item for the purpose of providing funds for expenditures incurred
5 by the K-12 excellence task force.