

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments**

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2065

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-08 and 15.1-21-10 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the state assessment of public school students in reading,
3 mathematics, and science.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-08. Reading ~~and~~, mathematics, and science - Administration of test.**

8 ~~Beginning during the second half of the 2001-02 school year and annually thereafter, the~~

9 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer to public school students
10 a test that is aligned to the state content ~~and achievement~~ standards in reading
11 and mathematics. This test must be administered to all public school students in
12 at least one grade level selected within each of the following grade spans: grades
13 three through five; grades six through nine; and grades ten through twelve.

14 Beginning no later than the 2005-06 school year and annually thereafter, the
15 superintendent of public instruction shall administer the reading and mathematics
16 test to all public school students in grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and
17 eleven.

18 2. Beginning no later than the 2007-08 school year and annually thereafter, the
19 superintendent of public instruction shall administer a test that is aligned to the
20 state content and achievement standards in science. This test must be
21 administered to all public school students in at least one grade level selected from
22 three through five; in at least one grade level selected from six through nine; and in
23 grade eleven. The superintendent of public instruction may not administer the
24 grade eleven test after December first of each school year.

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **15.1-21-10. Test scores - Publication.** Upon receiving notice that the compilation of
4 test scores has been completed, the superintendent of public instruction shall inform the
5 legislative council. The superintendent shall present the test scores publicly for the first time at
6 a meeting of a legislative committee designated by the legislative council. At the meeting, the
7 superintendent and representatives of the testing service that created the tests shall provide
8 detailed testimony regarding the testing instrument, the methodology used to test and assess
9 the students, the established cut scores, the methodology used to determine the cut scores, the
10 validation of all test products, and the significance of the test scores.