

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2065
(Education Committee)
(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-08 and 15.1-21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state assessment of public school students in reading, mathematics, and science.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

15.1-21-08. Reading and, mathematics, and science - Administration of test. ~~Beginning during the second half of the 2001-02 school year and annually thereafter, the~~

1. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer to public school students a test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in reading and mathematics. This test must be administered to all public school students in at least one grade level selected within each of the following grade spans: grades three through five; grades six through nine; and grades ten through twelve. Beginning no later than the 2005-06 school year and annually thereafter, the superintendent of public instruction shall administer the reading and mathematics test to all public school students in grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and eleven.
2. Beginning no later than the 2007-08 school year and annually thereafter, the superintendent of public instruction shall administer a test that is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in science. This test must be administered to all public school students in at least one grade level selected from three through five; in at least one grade level selected from six through nine; and in grade eleven. The superintendent of public instruction may not administer the grade eleven test after December first of each school year.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2065.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 85 Nays 5 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State