

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the provision of kindergarten programs; and to develop a plan for the provision of
3 full-day kindergarten.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-22-01. Kindergarten - Establishment by board - ~~Petition for establishment~~**
8 **Request by parent - Levy.**

- 9 1. Upon its own motion, the board of a school district may establish a free public
10 kindergarten ~~for the instruction during a school year of resident children below~~
11 ~~school age.~~
- 12 2. If the board receives a ~~petition signed by qualified electors residing in the district~~
13 ~~equal in number to at least twenty percent of those who voted in the most recent~~
14 ~~annual school district election, the board must submit the question of establishing~~
15 ~~a kindergarten to the electorate at the next annual or special school district~~
16 ~~election. The margins of electoral approval provided in section 57-15-14 must be~~
17 ~~applied~~ written request to provide kindergarten from the parent of a student who
18 will be enrolled in the kindergarten, the board shall either provide at least a
19 half-day kindergarten program for the student or pay the tuition required for the
20 student to attend at least a half-day kindergarten program in another school
21 district.
- 22 3. The board of a school district that establishes a kindergarten under this section
23 may levy a tax pursuant to subdivision p of subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2.

1 **SECTION 2. FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN - PLAN.** Before January 1, 2007, the
2 board of each school district shall develop and file with the superintendent of public instruction
3 a plan to provide a full-day kindergarten program beginning with the 2007-08 school year. The
4 plan must address classroom space for the full-day kindergarten program, kindergarten
5 curriculum development, kindergarten teacher recruitment, transportation of kindergarten
6 students, options for cooperative delivery of a full-day kindergarten program by and among
7 school districts, program cost factors, and any other issues related to the provision of a full-day
8 kindergarten program beginning with the 2007-08 school year.