

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create an education congress and to provide for a legislative council study
2 of the state's elementary and secondary education system; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION**

5 **CONGRESS - REPORT.** During the 2005-06 interim, the legislative council shall study the
6 state's elementary and secondary education system, including key measurements of student
7 progress, programs that address the state's competitiveness with other states, and the most
8 effective means of using taxpayer dollars at the state and local levels to ensure the best
9 possible education for the children of this state. The legislative council shall also evaluate
10 effective programs; opportunities for achievement; and statutory, regulatory, and political
11 barriers to success. The legislative council shall create an education congress to receive input
12 from teachers; administrators; parents; students; local business and community leaders;
13 representatives of higher education; representatives of the executive branch; and technology,
14 curricular, and programmatic consultants, among others. The listed individuals and entities
15 shall review the state's elementary and secondary education system, evaluate the effectiveness
16 of existing programs, identify methods to increase student achievement in the state, and
17 prioritize for the legislative council the state's primary needs and goals for elementary and
18 secondary education. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations,
19 together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixtieth
20 legislative assembly.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
22 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much
23 of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of creating an

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- 1 education congress and conducting the study as provided in section 1 of this Act, for the
- 2 biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.