

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1491

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleason, R. Kelsch

Senator Heitkamp

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to electronic course delivery; to provide for a legislative council report;  
3 and to provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Electronic course delivery - Approval process.**

- 8 1. Before a person may provide elementary or high school courses electronically to a  
9 student, school, or school district in this state, the person must obtain annual  
10 approval from the superintendent of public instruction. The electronic delivery of a  
11 course includes online and technological delivery methods.
- 12 2. Before the superintendent of public instruction may grant approval to a person  
13 under this section, the superintendent shall verify that:
- 14 a. All courses offered by the person in this state are aligned with the state  
15 content and performance standards and if standards do not exist for a  
16 particular course, the criteria must ensure that the course content is  
17 sufficiently challenging for students, given the grade level at which it is  
18 offered;
- 19 b. All teachers involved in the electronic delivery of a course meet or exceed the  
20 qualifications and licensure requirements placed on the teachers by the state  
21 in which the course originates; and
- 22 c. All students receiving a course electronically have ongoing contact time with  
23 the teachers of the course.

1           **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2007-08 interim, the  
2 superintendent of public instruction shall provide a report to the legislative council regarding the  
3 planning and development of the electronic course delivery approval process to be  
4 implemented as provided in this Act.

5           **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 1 of this Act becomes effective on July 1,  
6 2009.