

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1081**

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to establish the P-20 education council.

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

3 **SECTION 1. P-20 education council - Members and terms - Compensation.** The

4 P-20 education council is established consisting of the following members:

5 1. The governor or governor's designee, who is the chairman;

6 2. The superintendent of public instruction;

7 3. The commissioner of higher education;

8 4. The director of the department of career and technical education;

9 5. Two members of the state board of higher education selected by the board to  
10 serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office on the  
11 board;

12 6. Two members of the state board of public school education selected by the board  
13 to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office on the  
14 board;

15 7. Two members of the education standards and practices board selected by the  
16 board to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office  
17 on the board;

18 8. Two members of the state board for career and technical education selected by the  
19 board to serve a term of at least one year but not longer than their terms of office  
20 on the board;

21 9. Two members of the senate, including one member from each faction selected by  
22 the chairman of the legislative council, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year  
23 term following which the term is four years and one of whom shall be appointed to  
24 a four-year term:

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- 1        10. Two members of the house of representatives, including one member from each  
2                    faction selected by the chairman of the legislative council, one of whom shall serve  
3                    an initial two-year term following which the term is four years and one of whom  
4                    shall be appointed to a four-year term;
- 5        11. The executive director of the North Dakota school boards association;
- 6        12. The executive director of the North Dakota council of educational leaders;
- 7        13. The president of the North Dakota education association;
- 8        14. The president of the North Dakota university system council of college faculties;
- 9        15. The president and vice president of the North Dakota student association;
- 10       16. Three members appointed by the governor who are elementary or secondary  
11                    schoolteachers or administrators, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year term  
12                    following which the term is four years and two of whom shall be appointed to  
13                    four-year terms;
- 14       17. One member appointed by the governor who has special knowledge and expertise  
15                    relating to special education, who shall serve a four-year term;
- 16       18. One member appointed by the governor who has special knowledge and expertise  
17                    in preschool or early childhood education, who shall serve an initial two-year term  
18                    following which the term is four years;
- 19       19. Two members appointed by the commissioner of higher education who are higher  
20                    education institution faculty members, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year  
21                    term following which the term is four years and one of whom shall be appointed to  
22                    a four-year term;
- 23       20. Three members appointed by the commissioner of higher education who are  
24                    higher education institution administrators, two of whom shall serve initial two-year  
25                    terms following which the terms are four years and one of whom shall be appointed  
26                    to a four-year term;
- 27       21. Two members appointed by the governor representing parents who must at the  
28                    time of appointment have a child attending a school or higher education institution  
29                    in the state, one of whom shall serve an initial two-year term following which the  
30                    term is four years and one of whom shall be appointed to a four-year term;

1        22. Two members appointed by the governor representing state tribal schools or with  
2            special knowledge and expertise regarding Indian education issues, one of whom  
3            shall serve an initial two-year term following which the term is four years and one of  
4            whom shall be appointed to a four-year term; and

5        23. Eight members appointed by the governor representing business and community  
6            leaders, four of whom shall serve initial two-year terms following which the term is  
7            four years and four of whom shall be appointed to four-year terms.

8            The governor or governor's designee may appoint a member as cochairman to serve as  
9            chairman if the governor or governor's designee is absent or unable to preside at a meeting or  
10          perform other functions.

11          Members who are officers or employees of the state or members of a state board are  
12          entitled to reimbursement of expenses by their respective state agencies or institutions or  
13          boards for attending meetings and performing other functions of office. Members of the  
14          legislative assembly are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in the same manner and  
15          amounts as provided for legislative council committee meetings. Other members are entitled to  
16          reimbursement of expenses in the same manner and amounts as state officials for attending  
17          meetings and performing other functions of office. Members are not entitled to additional  
18          compensation, although members who are officers or employees of the state or a political  
19          subdivision must be released from their regular duties for time required to attend council  
20          meetings and perform other functions of office without loss of pay and benefits.

21          **SECTION 2. P-20 education council - Meetings - Staff - Funding.** The P-20  
22          education council shall meet at least twice annually and at times and locations designated by  
23          the chairman. The legislative council shall provide necessary staff support and reimbursement  
24          of expenses and other necessary funds to support the council.

25          **SECTION 3. P-20 education council - Duties.** The P-20 education council shall:

26          1. Not later than September 30, 2010, submit to the governor and legislative council a  
27            report that includes steps designed to make the North Dakota education system,  
28            from preschool through graduate and postgraduate education, a national leader  
29            with standards and expectations equivalent to the best-performing countries in the  
30            world. Among other items, the report must address and make recommendations  
31            regarding:

- 1           a. Common performance standards and assessments for high school graduation
- 2           and preparation for work and college;
- 3           b. Alignment of P-12 standards and postsecondary curriculum;
- 4           c. More rigorous curriculum and increased expectations;
- 5           d. Career planning; and
- 6           e. Use of a state longitudinal data system for education improvement.
- 7        2. Beginning in 2012 and not later than September thirtieth of each even-numbered
- 8        year, submit to the governor and legislative council a report that includes an
- 9        evaluation of the state's education system and progress in implementing prior
- 10       recommendations and revised or additional recommendations designed to make
- 11       the North Dakota education system a national leader with standards and
- 12       expectations equivalent to the best-performing countries in the world or, once that
- 13       status is attained, to retain that status.