

HOUSE BILL NO. 1305

Introduced by

Representatives Kingsbury, Paur

Senator Olafson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-37-01, 4-37-02, 4-37-03, and 4-37-04 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to agriculture in the classroom.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-37-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
5 and reenacted as follows:

6 **4-37-01. Agriculture in the classroom program.**

7 Recognizing the need to promote and foster an understanding of the agricultural economy
8 of the state of North Dakota and the values of rural lifestyles, an agriculture in the classroom
9 program is hereby established ~~to be administered by an agriculture in the classroom council in~~
10 ~~conjunction with the.~~ The agriculture commissioner shall administer the program with the advice
11 of the agriculture in the classroom council.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-37-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
13 and reenacted as follows:

14 **4-37-02. Agriculture in the classroom council.**

- 15 1. An ~~The~~ agriculture in the classroom council ~~is established.~~ The council consists of
16 ~~sixteen members to be~~ six individuals appointed by the agriculture commissioner. ~~One~~
17 ~~member must be the agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee, and~~
18 ~~one member must be~~ and the superintendent of public instruction or the
19 superintendent's designee. ~~Agriculture in the classroom grant recipients are nonvoting~~
20 ~~members of the council.~~
21 2. The council members may select one from among themselves to serve as the
22 chairman.

- 1 3. The council shall meet at least twice each year, at the call of the chairman, for the
2 purpose of providing advice to the agriculture commissioner regarding issues related
3 to agriculture in the classroom.

4 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-37-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
5 and reenacted as follows:

6 **4-37-03. Purpose - Powers and duties.**

- 7 1. The agriculture in the classroom council may provide commissioner may award grants
8 and contract with any person for the provision of an agriculture in the classroom
9 program, the development of agricultural curriculum activities applicable to students
10 from kindergarten through grade twelve, and the training of teachers in agricultural
11 curriculum activities.
- 12 2. The council agriculture commissioner shall work with teachers, the superintendent of
13 public instruction, the department of career and technical education, and the United
14 States department of agriculture, ~~and the state agriculture commissioner in-~~
15 ~~accomplishing this purpose. The council~~ to provide and promote an agriculture in the
16 classroom program.
- 17 3. In addition to any other powers and duties set forth in this section, the agriculture
18 commissioner may:
- 19 1.4. Consult with the state superintendent of public instruction, the department of career
20 and technical education, ~~the state agriculture commissioner, and the United States~~
21 department of agriculture, and any other public or nonpublic entities;
- 22 2.5. Prepare instructional, informational, and reference publications on the North Dakota
23 agricultural economy and rural lifestyles;
- 24 3.6. Provide training programs for public school teachers in agricultural curriculum
25 activities;
- 26 4.7. Encourage research on and identification of new instructional, informational, and
27 reference publications relating to this state's agricultural economy and rural lifestyles;
- 28 and
- 29 5.8. Monitor the quality and condition of the agriculture in the classroom program.

30 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-37-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended
31 and reenacted as follows:

1 **4-37-04. Gifts and grants.**

2 The agriculture in the classroom ~~council~~commissioner may accept and expend private-
3 contributions, gifts, and grants in aid from the federal government, private industry, and other
4 sources. ~~The council shall expend any moneys received under this section for the~~gifts, grants,
5 and donations in support of the agriculture in the classroom program. If any gifts, grants, or
6 donations are designated for a specific purpose if a, the commissioner shall honor the purpose
7 is included as a condition of the gift, grant, or donation. The council may use all other moneys
8 received under this section to carry out the purposes ofprovided the purpose is consistent with
9 this chapter.