

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2229**

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, J. Lee, Murphy

Representatives Hawken, N. Johnson, Hogan

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to early childhood education; and to provide for a superintendent of public instruction
3 study of early childhood care and early childhood education.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-58 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-09-58. ~~Prekindergarten program~~Early childhood education - Authorization -**
8 **Support.**

9 The board of a school district may establish a ~~prekindergarten~~early childhood education
10 program and may ~~receive and expend any state~~support that program with:

- 11 1. Local tax revenues, other than those necessary to support the district's kindergarten
12 program and the provision of elementary and high school educational services;
- 13 2. State moneys specifically appropriated for the program, ~~any federal;~~
- 14 3. Federal funds specifically appropriated or approved for the program, ~~and any gifts; and~~
- 15 4. Gifts, grants, and donations specifically given for the program.

16 **SECTION 2. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION -**
17 **STUDY BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
18 **MANAGEMENT.**

- 19 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall study the development, delivery, and
20 administration of comprehensive early childhood care and early childhood education in
21 this state. The study must include an examination of the availability, quality, and cost of
22 services offered by existing public and private sector providers, the projected need for
23 services during the coming ten to twenty years, and the ability of public and private

- 1 sector providers to address the expansion of facilities or the creation of additional
2 facilities.
- 3 2. The superintendent of public instruction may appoint a committee, work groups, task
4 forces, and subcommittees, as necessary, to provide or obtain information required in
5 conjunction with this study.
- 6 3. Before June 1, 2014, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide a final
7 report, together with recommendations, to the legislative management.