

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1283**

Introduced by

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Senators Larsen, Miller, Unruh

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 parental directives; and to provide an expiration date.

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

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

6 **Parental directive - Administration of tests and assessments.**

7 1. A student's parent may direct that the school district in which the student is enrolled  
8 not administer a specific test or assessment to the student, provided that a parental  
9 directive does not apply to:

- 10 a. Any test or assessment required by the student's school district of enrollment or  
11 this state for the completion of any grade from kindergarten through twelve;  
12 b. Any test or assessment required by the student's school district of enrollment or  
13 this state for high school graduation;  
14 c. The ACT; or  
15 d. WorkKeys assessments.

- 16 2. a. A parental directive is valid only if it is presented to the school district using a  
17 standardized form, prepared by the superintendent of public instruction, and  
18 signed by the student's custodial parent.  
19 b. A parental directive is valid only until the conclusion of the school year in which it  
20 is received by the school district.  
21 c. A parental directive submitted to a school district in accordance with this section  
22 must be retained as part of the student's educational record.

1        3. A school district is not liable for any consequences incurred by a student as a result of  
2        a parental directive submitted in accordance with this section.

3        4. Each school district must post the parental directive form on its website and make the  
4        form available to a parent, upon request.

5        **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2017, and after that  
6        date is ineffective.