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HOUSE BILL NO. 1037

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to North Dakota scholarship information; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-06 and section 15.1-07-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the approval of public schools and the student information system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. ~~In order to~~To obtain certification that a public school is approved, the superintendent of the district in which the school is located shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction a compliance report verifying that:
   a. Each classroom teacher is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;
   b. Each classroom teacher is teaching only in those course areas or fields for which the teacher is licensed or for which the teacher has received an exception under section 15.1-09-57;
   c. The school meets all curricular requirements set forth in chapter 15.1-21;
   d. The school participates in and meets the requirements of a review process that is:
      (1) Designed to improve student achievement through a continuous cycle of improvement; and
      (2) Approved by the superintendent of public instruction;
   e. The school has been inspected by the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee in accordance with section 15.1-06-09 and:

(1) Has no unremedied deficiency; or

(2) Has deficiencies that have been addressed in a plan of correction which was submitted to and approved by the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee; ~~and~~

f. All individuals hired after June 30, 2011, and having unsupervised contact with students at the school, have:

(1) Undergone a criminal history background check requested by the employing school district; or

(2) Undergone a criminal history background check in order to be licensed by the education standards and practices board or by any other state licensing board~~.~~; and

g. The school uses North Dakota eTranscripts, or an alternative information system designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the superintendent of public instruction, to generate official transcripts.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-07-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-07-33. Student information system - Exemption.

1. Notwithstanding any other technology requirements imposed by the superintendent of public instruction, the information technology department, or the North Dakota educational technology council, each school district shall acquire PowerSchool through the information technology department and use it as its principal student information system. Each school district shall use a state course code, assigned by the department of public instruction, to identify all local classes in PowerSchool.
2. The superintendent of public instruction may exempt a school district from having to acquire and utilize PowerSchool if the school district demonstrates that, in accordance with requirements of the bureau of Indian education, the district has acquired and is utilizing a student information system that is determined to be comparable by the superintendent.

SECTION 3. Section 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.9. North Dakota scholarship – Information system.

Each school district shall use North Dakota eTranscripts, or an alternative information system designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the department of public instruction, to submit ~~applications~~official transcripts for the North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarship to the superintendent of public instruction.