

March 15, 2017

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2250

Page 1, line 1, replace "section" with "sections 15.1-37-01, 15.1-37-05,"

Page 1, line 1, after "15.1-37-06" insert ", and 15.1-37-08"

Page 1, line 2, after "programs" insert ", providers, grants, and data collection"

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

**"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-37-01. Early childhood education program - Approval.**

1. Any person or school district operating an early childhood education program may request approval of the program from the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall approve an early childhood education program if the program:
  - a. Is taught by individuals who are licensed to teach in early childhood education by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach in early childhood education by the education standards and practices board;
  - b. Follows educational standards approved by the superintendent of public instruction;
  - c. Is in compliance with all municipal and state health, fire, and safety requirements; and
  - d. Limits its enrollment to children who have reached the age of ~~four~~three before August first in the year of enrollment.
2. In determining the state aid payments to which a school district is entitled, the superintendent of public instruction may not count any student enrolled in a regular early childhood education program.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-37-05. Early childhood education providers - Coalition - Eligibility.**

1. The superintendent of a school district shall invite all public and private providers of early childhood education services within the district to meet, in order to:
  - a. Initiate the identification of all available options for cost-effectively maximizing the provision of early childhood education services within the district;

- b. Address the coordinated utilization of facilities, personnel, and transportation, for the provision of early childhood education services within the district; and
- c. (1) Form a coalition of early childhood education service providers; and
  - (2) Provide for the selection of a coalition governing board.
- 2. The board of the school district in which the coalition of service providers is located shall provide advice and guidance to the coalition in all matters pertaining to this section through section 15.1-37-08.
- 3. Any early childhood service provider who agrees to participate in the coalition or on its governing board may submit an application to the ~~department~~superintendent of commerce~~public instruction~~ for a grant under this section, provided the governing board certifies to the ~~department~~that~~superintendent~~ the provider:
  - a. Is a participating member in the coalition or on the governing board.
  - b. Operates an early childhood education program that:
    - (1) Is approved in accordance with section 15.1-37-01; and
    - (2) Incorporates within its curriculum at least ten hours of research-based parental involvement.
  - c. Has documented the provider's willingness to admit children of all learning abilities into the early childhood education program."

Page 1, line 7, overstrike "department" and insert immediately thereafter "superintendent"

Page 1, line 7, overstrike "commerce" and insert immediately thereafter "public instruction"

Page 1, line 16, overstrike "and"

Page 1, line 17, after "(2)" insert "The child has reached the age of four before August first in the year of enrollment; and

(3)"

Page 1, line 22, overstrike "department" and insert immediately thereafter "superintendent"

Page 1, line 22, overstrike "commerce" and insert immediately thereafter "public instruction"

Page 2, line 2, overstrike "department" and insert immediately thereafter "superintendent"

Page 2, line 2, overstrike "commerce" and insert immediately thereafter "public instruction"

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "department" and insert immediately thereafter "superintendent"

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "commerce" and insert immediately thereafter "public instruction"

Page 2, line 7, overstrike "department" and insert immediately thereafter "superintendent"

Page 2, line 7, overstrike "commerce" and insert immediately thereafter "public instruction"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

**"SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-37-08. Data collection - Requirements.**

The superintendent of public instruction, ~~with the advice and consent of the department of commerce,~~ shall implement a uniform system for the accounting, budgeting, and reporting of data by any early childhood education provider to whom or to which grants are distributed in accordance with section 15.1-37-06. Grants may be withheld or forfeited, in whole or in part, if information required in accordance with this section is not submitted at the time or in the manner requested by the superintendent."

Renumber accordingly