

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2216

Introduced by

Senator Schaible

Representative Owens

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-19 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to definitions; to amend and reenact sections 15-19-01, 15-19-02,
3 15-19-02.1, ~~15-19-04~~, 15-19-06, ~~and~~ 15-19-08, and 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to distance education; and to repeal ~~section~~sections 15-19-03 and 15-19-04 of
5 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorization of enrollments to the center for
6 distance education by a superintendent of a school and advertising.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-19-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **15-19-01. ~~Distance~~North Dakota center for distance education courses -**
11 **Establishment - Enrollment of students - Courses of instruction.**

12 The state shall provide ~~distance education kindergarten through grade twelve courses,~~
13 comprehensive educational support, and high school diplomas through the center for distance
14 education under the following provisions:

- 15 1. A complete curriculum by distance education ~~which has been specifically determined~~
16 by prescribed by state-mandated education accreditation entities which meets the
17 requirements for digital education the superintendent of public instruction as ~~proper~~
18 ~~and suitable for instruction under distance education methods, such determination and~~
19 ~~approval to be made not less than once in each school year, must be maintained upon~~
20 ~~the campus of one of the state institutions of higher education~~ has ~~deemed~~determined
21 to be appropriate ~~and proper~~.
- 22 2. Unless ~~specifically excused in writing upon the course application forms by the~~A
23 ~~superintendent or an administrator of the~~ a school ~~approving~~ may deny the enrollment
24 ~~application, or of a student in that district at the center for distance education except as~~

1 provided in subsection 5, ~~all students under the age of sixteen taking advantage of the~~
2 ~~provisions of this chapter must be required to attend their local district schools and to~~
3 ~~study their distance education lessons under the supervision of a local supervisor. If~~
4 ~~not required to attend their local schools, their work may be done at a place~~
5 ~~designated by the state director. If in attendance at a local school, students must be~~
6 ~~supplied with desk space in their respective school without charge and shall attend~~
7 ~~school regularly and be under the same disciplinary supervision of the teachers as the~~
8 ~~other school students.~~

9 3. The center for distance education may provide services to persons who are not North
10 Dakota residents.

11 4. ~~Distance~~Center for distance education students shall pay for books and materials
12 used by them, postage required to mail reports to the center, and other fees as may be
13 prescribed by the ~~state~~ director in consultation with the administration of the center.

14 5. Students exempt from the compulsory school attendance laws pursuant to
15 subdivision e of subsection 1 of section 15.1-20-02 may enroll in distance education
16 courses offered through the center for distance education. These students may study
17 their center for distance education lessons in their learning environment under the
18 supervision of a parent. The tests ~~for the distance education study must be~~
19 ~~administered by an individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and~~
20 ~~practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board~~
21 ~~and employed either by the public school district in which the parent resides or a~~
22 ~~state-approved private or nonpublic school.~~

23 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
24 and enacted as follows:

25 **Definitions.**

26 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

27 1. "Administration" includes the leadership of the center for distance education.

28 2. "Board" means the state board for career and technical education.

29 3. "Center" means the North Dakota center for distance education.

30 4. "Director" means the director and executive officer of the department of career and
31 technical education.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-19-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **15-19-02. Administration ~~Director of~~ the center for distance education -**
4 **Appointment and duties.**

5 The program of and all activities related to the center for distance education are the
6 responsibility of the center for distance education and under the ~~supervision~~authority of the
7 ~~educational technology council~~state board for career and technical education. The ~~educational~~
8 ~~technology council~~ shall ~~executive~~ director of the department of career and technical education
9 may hire a state director of ~~administration and staff for the center for distance education~~
10 who must be classified under the state personnel merit system. The ~~director~~administration of
11 the center shall carry out the ~~director's~~administration's responsibilities in the ~~administration-~~
12 ~~of~~administering operating the center for distance education in the manner approved by the
13 ~~educational technology council~~state board for career and technical education, under the
14 supervision of the executive ~~director of the department of career and technical education~~, and
15 compliant with requirements established by the superintendent of public instruction and the
16 education standards and practices board for public school administrators and teachers. The
17 state board for career and technical education shall administer the responsibilities of the board
18 of a school district relating to the center for distance education.

19 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-19-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **15-19-02.1. Distance education clearinghouse.**

22 The ~~director of the~~ administration of the center for distance education shall establish a
23 clearinghouse for online courses delivered to North Dakota schools for the purpose of providing:

- 24 1. A list of the online courses and providers for all North Dakota schools to access.
- 25 2. Awareness of online courses available in new and emerging careers.
- 26 3. A list of comparative prices for online courses and other online services.
- 27 4. Awareness of the differences between technological innovation and learning
28 innovation.

29 ~~**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-19-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
30 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

1 ~~15-19-04. Duty of superintendent – Advertising.~~

2 ~~The superintendent or an employee of the department of public instruction designated by~~
3 ~~the superintendent shall ensure that the courses offered by the center for distance education~~
4 ~~meet state content standards and shall monitor compliance with sections 15.1-18-02 and~~
5 ~~15.1-18-03. The center for distance education may advertise its distance education~~
6 ~~programprograms.~~

7 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-19-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **15-19-06. Special funds - Deposit of collections - Transfers from general fund**
10 **appropriations.**

- 11 1. A special operating fund for the center for distance education must be maintained
12 within the state treasury and all income and fees collected by the center for distance
13 education from any source must be remitted monthly by the director to the state
14 treasurer and credited to the special operating fund. All expenditures from the fund
15 must be within the limits of legislative appropriations and must be made upon
16 vouchers, signed and approved by the ~~technology director appointed by the~~
17 ~~educational technology council~~executive director for the department of career and
18 technical education. Upon approval of the vouchers by the office of the budget,
19 warrant-checks must be prepared by the office of management and budget. ~~The state~~
20 ~~treasurer shall make periodic transfers upon order of the director of the office of~~
21 ~~management and budget from the center for distance education general fund~~
22 ~~appropriation to the special operating fund whenever its balance falls so low as to~~
23 ~~require supplementation.~~
- 24 2. ~~The educational technology council may establish an administrative operational fund,~~
25 ~~of not to exceed ten thousand dollars, out of the special operating fund for the center~~
26 ~~for distance education. The administrative operational fund must be deposited in the~~
27 ~~Bank of North Dakota and may be drawn upon by the state director of the center for~~
28 ~~distance education for the payment of necessary expenses in the administration and~~
29 ~~operation of the center for distance education within the limits and rules prescribed by~~
30 ~~the educational technology council. The director shall submit a full, minute, and~~
31 ~~itemized statement of every expenditure made during the month to the council in~~

1 accordance with the rules adopted by the council, and thereafter the council may
2 periodically authorize additional transfers to the administrative operational fund, but
3 the balance in the fund may never exceed ten thousand dollars, and any
4 unencumbered balance at the end of any biennium must revert to the state treasury.
5 The administrative operational fund may not be used to pay salaries or expenses of
6 the director.

7 3. The educational technology council~~state board for career and technical education~~ may
8 establish ~~a~~ an endowment and scholarship fund to provide financial grants to students
9 enrolled in courses offered through the center for distance education. The endowment
10 and scholarship fund may consist only of those funds specifically appropriated by the
11 legislative assembly and property received by the ~~council~~ or the center for distance
12 education as a gift, devise, or bequest. Any gift, devise, or bequest of property
13 received by the ~~council~~ or center for distance education which is designated by the
14 ~~council~~state board for career and technical education and donor for the endowment
15 and scholarship fund must be deposited in the scholarship fund at the Bank of North
16 Dakota.

17 a. The center for distance education may draw on the endowment and scholarship
18 fund for the award of scholarships within the limits and rules adopted by the state
19 board for career and technical education.

20 b. The ~~state director~~ of the center for distance education may draw only on the
21 interest earned by the endowment and scholarship fund for the award of
22 ~~scholarships~~endowments within the limits and rules adopted by the educational
23 technology council~~state board for career and technical education~~. ~~The interest~~
24 ~~earned by the scholarship fund is appropriated to the center for distance~~
25 ~~education.~~

26 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-19-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **15-19-08. Distance education worksupport and services.**

29 The amount of money appropriated by the legislative assembly for distance education
30 worksupport and services for a biennium, or so much thereof as may be necessary, must be

1 expended first for work provided by distance education as determined by the center for distance
2 education and approved by the state board for career and technical education.

3 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **15-20.1-03. Powers and duties of state board relating to career and technical**
6 **education.**

7 The state board shall have all authority necessary to cooperate with the United States
8 department of education or other department or agency of the United States of America in the
9 administration of acts of Congress relating to career and technical education, including the
10 following powers and duties:

- 11 1. To administer any legislation enacted by the legislative assembly of this state pursuant
12 to or in conformity with acts of Congress relating to career and technical education.
- 13 2. To administer the funds provided by the federal government and by this state for the
14 promotion of career and technical education and to contract with:
 - 15 a. Any public or private institution or agency, board of trustees of any agricultural
16 and training school, or school district of this state; or
 - 17 b. Any public or private institution or agency, or political subdivision, of another
18 state.
- 19 3. To formulate plans for the promotion of career and technical education in such
20 subjects as are an essential and integral part of the public school system of education
21 in this state.
- 22 4. To provide for the preparation of teachers.
- 23 5. To fix the compensation of such officers and assistants as may be necessary to
24 administer the federal acts and the provisions of this chapter relating to career and
25 technical education and to pay the same and other necessary expenses of
26 administration from any funds appropriated for such purpose.
- 27 6. To make studies and investigations relating to career and technical education.
- 28 7. To promote and aid in the establishment of schools, departments, or classes, and to
29 cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of career and technical
30 education schools, departments, or classes.

- 1 8. To prescribe the qualifications and provide for the certification of teachers, directors,
2 and supervisors.
- 3 9. To cooperate with governing bodies of school districts and with organizations and
4 communities in the maintenance of classes for the preparation of teachers, directors,
5 and supervisors of career and technical education, to maintain classes for such
6 purposes under its own direction and control, and to establish and control, by general
7 regulations, the qualifications to be possessed by persons engaged in the training of
8 career and technical education teachers.
- 9 10. To coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by any state
10 agency or entity.
- 11 11. To create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm
12 management programs.
- 13 12. To administer and supervise the program and all activities of the center for distance
14 education.

15 **SECTION 8. REPEAL.** ~~Section~~Sections 15-19-03 and 15-19-04 of the North Dakota
16 Century Code ~~is~~are repealed.