

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to alternative education opportunities outside the classroom for course
3 credit; and to provide for a legislative management report.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **School districts - Policy - Alternative curriculum outside the classroom -**
8 **Participation - Report to legislative management.**

9 1. For purposes of this section:

10 a. "Educational opportunity" means instruction outside the classroom which meets
11 course content standards, as determined by the superintendent of public
12 instruction. The term includes work-based learning, apprenticeships, internships,
13 industry certifications, and community programs.

14 b. "Sponsoring entity" means a business, for-profit organization, nonprofit
15 organization, trade association, parent of a student, teacher, or administrator that
16 partners with a school district or governing board of a nonpublic school to provide
17 educational opportunities for students.

18 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to administer this section.

19 3. The board of a school district or governing board of a nonpublic school may adopt a
20 policy to allow students enrolled in grades six through twelve to earn course credit
21 through educational opportunities with a sponsoring entity.

22 4. A policy adopted under this section must provide criteria for:

23 a. The submission, approval, and evaluation of proposals for educational
24 opportunities by sponsoring entities for which a student may earn course credit;

- 1 b. Sponsoring entity eligibility; and
- 2 c. Educational opportunity accountability.
- 3 5. The board of a school district or governing board of a nonpublic school may accept a
- 4 proposal from any eligible sponsoring entity. To be approved, a proposal must:
- 5 a. Provide increased educational opportunities for students;
- 6 b. Improve the academic success of students; and
- 7 c. Identify a teacher of record who is employed by the school district or nonpublic
- 8 school, is licensed under chapter 15.1-18, and has approved the proposal.
- 9 6. Upon approval by the board of a school district or governing board of a nonpublic
- 10 school, the proposal must be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction for
- 11 review and approval before implementation. The superintendent of public instruction
- 12 shall convene a review committee to approve or deny a proposal under this section
- 13 within ninety days of submission to the superintendent. The review committee consists
- 14 of the superintendent, who shall serve as the chairman of the review committee, the
- 15 chairman of the house education committee or the chairman's designee, the chairman
- 16 of the senate education committee or the chairman's designee, one member of the
- 17 minority party selected through collaboration between the respective minority leaders
- 18 of each chamber, and the director of career and technical education.
- 19 7. If a proposal is denied under subsection 6, the superintendent shall provide the board
- 20 of a school district or governing board of a nonpublic school with a written explanation
- 21 including the reasons for denial.
- 22 8. If a proposal is approved by the superintendent of public instruction, the board of a
- 23 school district or governing board of a nonpublic school shall implement the proposal
- 24 and allow students to participate in the educational opportunity for course credit.
- 25 9. Any school district or nonpublic school participating in the program shall provide
- 26 evaluation data to the superintendent of public instruction at the time and in the
- 27 manner requested by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 28 10. The superintendent of public instruction may revoke proposal approval if the
- 29 superintendent of public instruction determines the school district, nonpublic school, or
- 30 sponsoring entity failed to comply with the agreed upon terms of the educational

1 opportunity proposal or the school district policy, or failed to meet the requirements of
2 this section.

3 11. If approval of a proposal is revoked under subsection 10, the superintendent of public
4 instruction shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding the
5 revocation.

6 12. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide information on the
7 superintendent of public instruction's website and in biennial reports to the legislative
8 management regarding proposals under this section.