

Introduced by

Representative Heinert

Senator Davison

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the membership, spending authority, and funding for the kindergarten through grade
3 twelve educational coordination council.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-01-04. Kindergarten through grade twelve education coordination council.**

8 1. The state board of public school education shall oversee the creation and ongoing
9 operation of the kindergarten through grade twelve education coordination council.

10 2. The council consists of:

11 a. ~~Three~~Four members of the legislative assembly, ~~one member of the majority~~
12 ~~party~~two members from each chamber of the legislative assembly, one member
13 selected by the respective majority leader of the each chamber, and one member
14 ~~of the minority party selected through collaboration between by the respective~~
15 ~~minority leaders~~leader of eacheither chamber, and one member selected by the
16 legislative management from the chamber from which the minority leader did not
17 make a selection;

18 b. The governor or the governor's designee;

19 c. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee;

20 d. The president of the state board for career and technical education or the
21 president's designee;

22 e. The president of the board of the North Dakota council of educational leaders or
23 the president's designee;

24 f. The president of the board of North Dakota united or the president's designee;

- 1 g. The president of the board of the North Dakota school boards association or the
2 president's designee;
- 3 h. The president of the board of the North Dakota small organized schools or the
4 president's designee;
- 5 i. The president of the board of the North Dakota school counselor association or
6 the president's designee; and
- 7 j. The following gubernatorial appointees:
- 8 (1) An individual representing the statewide longitudinal data system
9 committee;
- 10 (2) An individual representing a tribal school interests;
- 11 (3) An individual employed as a public school administrator;
- 12 (4) An individual employed as a public school principal;
- 13 (5) An individual employed as a public elementary school teacher;
- 14 (6) An individual employed as a public secondary school teacher;
- 15 (7) A director of a special education unit; and
- 16 ~~(7)~~(8) A director of a regional education association.
- 17 3. The term of office for a member appointed by the governor is four years. The governor
18 may stagger the initial appointments to the council so no more than three members'
19 terms expire in any year.
- 20 4. The council shall select a presiding officer annually from among its members.
- 21 5. A member of the council who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to
22 receive per diem compensation at the rate provided under section 54-35-10 for each
23 day performing official duties of the council and to reimbursement for travel and
24 expenses as provided by law, to be paid by the legislative council. A member of the
25 council who is not a state employee is entitled to receive as compensation sixty-two
26 dollars and fifty cents per day and to reimbursement of expenses as provided by law
27 for state officers while attending meetings of the council, to be paid by the state board
28 of public school education. A state employee who is a member of the council is entitled
29 to receive that employee's regular salary and is entitled to reimbursement for mileage
30 and expenses, to be paid by the employing agency.
- 31 6. The council may hire an executive director.

- 1 7. The council shall:
- 2 a. Assist in the implementation, dissemination, and communication of the statewide
- 3 strategic vision and evaluate progress toward meeting the identified goals and
- 4 strategies.
- 5 b. Perform a continuous review of the effectiveness and efficiency of access and
- 6 delivery of education services and programs in the state.
- 7 c. Identify opportunities for increased collaboration among state education entities
- 8 and stakeholders.
- 9 d. Identify gaps or duplications in education services and programs and provide
- 10 recommendations for addressing those gaps or duplications.
- 11 e. Study and evaluate new and emerging educational initiatives and trends and
- 12 provide recommendations for policy changes to state entities or the legislative
- 13 assembly if necessary.
- 14 f. Support the implementation, dissemination, and communication of local or
- 15 regional educational initiatives and practices, including innovative education
- 16 programs, on a statewide level.
- 17 g. ~~Establish a one-stop communication and information hub to provide the public~~
- 18 ~~and interested parties with seamless access to state entities that deliver~~
- 19 ~~education services and programs.~~
- 20 h. Develop and utilize subcommittees as needed.
- 21 i.h. Seek advice and input from interested parties not appointed to the council as
- 22 needed.
- 23 j.i. Review the North Dakota learning continuum and provide recommendations to
- 24 the state board of public school education.
- 25 8. The council shall meet at least ~~four~~six times per ~~calendar year~~biennium.
- 26 9. The council shall prepare and present an annual report of council activities to the state
- 27 board of public school education and to the legislative management.