

Introduced by

Representatives Strinden, Nelson, Schreiber-Beck

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-32 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to establishing a dyslexia voucher program; ~~and~~ to provide a report to
3 the legislative management; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Dyslexia voucher program - Report to legislative management.**

- 8 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a dyslexia voucher program to
9 assist in funding general educational needs related to dyslexia for individuals from age
10 five to under age eighteen who have been identified as having dyslexia. The program
11 may include funding for assistive technology, audio books or computer support for
12 reading, language-generating devices, training and educational materials for parents,
13 parenting education, language comprehension equipment, and tutors, including private
14 tutors training in dyslexia interventions. A school district shall permit private tutors to
15 provide tutoring services on school premises.
- 16 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to administer the program,
17 address the management of the program, and ~~to~~ establish the eligibility requirements
18 and exclusions for the program.
- 19 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall report biennially, by September first of
20 each even-numbered year, to the legislative management regarding the dyslexia
21 voucher program.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - DYSLEXIA**
23 **VOUCHER PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
24 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may

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1 be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of funding the dyslexia
2 voucher program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The
3 department of public instruction may use up to 5 percent for administrative costs for the
4 program.