

House Bill 1156

Senate Education Committee
Introduction and Support Testimony
March 1, 2023

Chairman Elkin, Vice-Chair Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am Cindy Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative. I am introducing and providing support testimony for House Bill 1156.

This bill ensures the Center for Distance Education (or CDE)) will continue to meet the educational needs of students.

Section 1 amends subsection 3 of section 15-19-01 of the ND Century Code. The added language expands the Center's ability to educate out-of-state students who utilize the Center to take dual credit course work. Currently ND Century Code restricts high schools to only offering dual credit to North Dakota students. The amendment would give the Center the authority to provide dual credit to non-resident students.

Section 2 amends section 15.1-22.01 of the North Dakota Century Code. This amendment would allow the Center to provide kindergarten for those districts currently not providing kindergarten. The Center developed a kindergarten program during the pandemic and continuing to offer the online program would benefit young students who do not have access to kindergarten.

A representative from the Center for Distance Education will provide further information regarding the dual credit and kindergarten programs.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of HB1156.