

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1129

Introduced by

Representatives Richter, Mitskog, Murphy, O'Brien, Schauer

Senators Boschee, Meyer, Sickler

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction ~~for a study-~~  
2 ~~ef~~to address student attendance and absenteeism; ~~to provide for a superintendent of public-~~  
3 ~~instruction study; and to provide for a legislative management report.~~

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - STUDENT**  
6 **ATTENDANCE AND ABSENTEEISM-~~STUDY~~ - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated  
7 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum  
8 of ~~\$1,250,000~~\$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of  
9 public instruction for the purpose of ~~studying~~addressing student attendance and absenteeism in  
10 kindergarten through grade twelve public schools, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and  
11 ending June 30, 2027. ~~Up to \$250,000 may be used for the purpose of contracting a research-~~  
12 ~~team from a North Dakota research university to assist with the study. The funding provided in-~~  
13 ~~this section is considered a one-time funding item.~~

14 ~~SECTION 2. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION STUDY - STUDENT~~  
15 ~~ATTENDANCE AND ABSENTEEISM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.~~

16 ~~1. In the first year of the 2025-27 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction, in~~  
17 ~~collaboration and consultation with a research team from a North Dakota research~~  
18 ~~university, shall study student attendance and absenteeism, including chronic~~  
19 ~~absenteeism in kindergarten through grade twelve public schools. The research team~~  
20 ~~shall use existing quantitative data shared with the university by the department of~~

- 1 ~~public instruction and collect additional qualitative and quantitative data as needed.~~  
2 ~~The study must include analysis of data from school districts with high attendance~~  
3 ~~rates to identify any strategies that result in high attendance rates.~~  
4 ~~2. In the second year of the 2025-27 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction~~  
5 ~~shall identify school districts with chronic absenteeism and implement appropriate~~  
6 ~~strategies to improve student attendance.~~  
7 ~~3. The superintendent of public instruction shall report its findings and~~  
8 ~~recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the~~  
9 ~~recommendations, to the legislative management on or before September 1, 2026.~~