

HOUSE BILL NO. 1516

Introduced by

Representatives Foss, Sanford, Swiontek, Pyle, Novak, Richter

Senators Boschee, Axtman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the requirement for an educational employee to be an observer of the
3 board of a public school.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **School board - Observer.**

8 1. The board of a school district must include one to two board observers who are
9 educational employees employed by the school district to represent educational
10 employees.

11 2. A board observer:

12 a. Shall represent the interests of educational employees of the school district at
13 each meeting of the board of a school.

14 b. Must be appointed to a one-year term by the education association in the school
15 district by vote of the education association at a meeting held before the
16 beginning of each fiscal year.

17 c. May participate in a meeting of the board of a school district, except as otherwise
18 provided under this section, including participating in discussion to contribute the
19 perspectives of the educational employees.

20 d. Is not a voting board member.

21 e. May not participate in a meeting or part of a meeting regarding employment
22 matters specifically related to the observer.

23 f. Shall provide a summary to the education association of each meeting, including
24 details that are relevant to educational employees.