Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1516

Introduced by

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

Senators Boschee, Axtman

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

School board - Observer.

1. The board of a school district must include one to two board observers who are educational employees employed by the school district to represent educational employees.
2. A board observer:
   a. Shall represent the interests of educational employees of the school district at each meeting of the board of a school.
   b. Must be appointed to a one-year term by the education association in the school district by vote of the education association at a meeting held before the beginning of each fiscal year.
   c. May participate in a meeting of the board of a school district, except as otherwise provided under this section, including participating in discussion to contribute the perspectives of the educational employees.
   d. Is not a voting board member.
   e. May not participate in a meeting or part of a meeting regarding employment matters specifically related to the observer.
   f. Shall provide a summary to the education association of each meeting, including details that are relevant to educational employees.