

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542  
(Representatives Hendrix, Heilman, Heinert, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, Schreiber-Beck)  
(Senators Cory, Wobbema)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to designating student applications for admission to an institution of higher education as exempt records; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Admissions applications to institutions of higher education - Exempt.**

A record related to an individual's application for admission to an institution of higher education under the administration of the state board of higher education is exempt, except as otherwise provided by law. Subject to the retention requirements under section 15-10-44, the record must be destroyed upon request of the applicant or the parent or guardian of an applicant who was under eighteen years of age at the time the application was submitted. An individual may not access or disclose an exempt record under this section for a reason other than carrying out regular duties as an employee of an institution of higher education, except as otherwise provided under this chapter.

**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1542 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 89                      Nays 0                      Absent 5

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 46                      Nays 0                      Absent 1

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State