

HOUSE BILL NO. 1491

Introduced by

Representatives Rios, Schauer, Motschenbacher

Senators Beard, Thomas

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to student eligibility for high school sports and activities.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **High school sports and activities - Eligibility - Residence within a school district.**

7 1. For purposes of student eligibility for high school sports and activities, the North
8 Dakota high school activities association shall presume no recruitment or undue
9 influence has occurred.

10 2. A parent or guardian of a student may verify the student's residence is in the school
11 district by providing the North Dakota high school activities association with a current
12 utility bill, financial statement, mortgage, lease, or rental document, government-
13 issued property tax statement, or government-issued identification card.

14 3. The North Dakota high school activities association may not require evidence of the
15 parent or guardian having vacated the parent's or guardian's previous residence.

16 4. A student who has a parent or guardian with joint custody of the student, who moves
17 from the residence of one parent or guardian to another parent or guardian is a
18 resident of the receiving school district and eligible to participate in sports and
19 activities upon enrollment at the receiving school district. The North Dakota high
20 school activities association may not delay eligibility or limit eligibility based on the
21 number of times a student moves and transfers to a different school district.