

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1329

Introduced by

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Senator Axtman

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding the establishment of a
2 government spending database; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

5 **DATABASE.** During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying
6 the feasibility of the establishment of a government spending database. The study must include:

- 7 1. A review of the training services necessary for school board members,
8 superintendents, principals, and business managers regarding the government
9 spending database, including best practices, personnel management, financial
10 operations, facility planning, and regulatory compliance.
- 11 2. The feasibility of establishing a database that compiles the following information for
12 each expenditure:
- 13 a. The amount paid.
14 b. The payment date.
15 c. The recipient name.
16 d. The paying entity.
17 e. The employee position, if for a personnel payment.
18 f. For a school district, with respect to educational materials:
19 (1) A description of curriculum.
20 (2) The publisher and author of a textbook.
21 (3) A description of software specifications and developer identification.

1 g. A standardized categorization using United States census bureau codes for state
2 and local transactions and nationally recognized standardized codes for school
3 districts and institutions of higher education.

4 3. The feasibility of establishing a database capable of providing:

5 a. Search capabilities.

6 b. Data aggregation tools.

7 c. Download options in common formats.

8 d. Anonymous salary and benefit information.

9 e. Regular updates of all information.

10 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
11 legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - CONSULTANTS FOR**
13 **INTERIM STUDY - GOVERNMENT SPENDING DATABASE STUDY - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

14 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
15 appropriated, the sum of \$97,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
16 legislative council for the purpose of contracting with a consultant to assist in conducting a study
17 regarding the feasibility of a government spending database, for the biennium beginning July 1,
18 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time
19 funding item.