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Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1476

Introduced by

Representatives Novak, Heinert, Nelson, Richter, Schreiber-Beck

Senator Kessel

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the assessment of all public school buildings; and to provide an
- 3 appropriation.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 School buildings Assessment Rules.
- 8 The superintendent of public instruction:
- Shall collect regularly assessconducted assessments by school districts of each
 building located on school grounds in the state, including the interior and exterior of
 the building, doors, windows, fire sprinklers, fire protection systems, components of
 heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical, and security systems, and handicap accessibility
- 13 <u>features.</u>
- Shall, every four years, document the inventory of buildings, including building type,
 original construction year, facility additions, facility addition construction year, and
 facility square footage as submitted by school districts.
- Develop and maintain a system for tracking the assessments of buildings, including
 construction, repairs, modifications, and maintenance recommended for each school.
- 19 3.4. Shall adopt rules under chapter 28-32 to implement this section.

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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - SCHOOL BUILDING ASSESSMENTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing for a statewide facilities assessment for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

May contract for professional services to implement this section, including contracting

to study appropriate criteria to establish for public school facility standards.