

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED 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
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **School buildings - Assessment - Rules.**

8 The superintendent of public instruction:

- 9 1. Shall collect regularly conducted assessments by school districts of each building
10 located on school grounds in the state, including the interior and exterior of the
11 building, doors, windows, fire sprinklers, fire protection systems, components of
12 heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical, and security systems, and handicap accessibility
13 features.
- 14 2. Shall, every four years, document the inventory of buildings, including building type,
15 original construction year, facility additions, facility addition construction year, and
16 facility square footage as submitted by school districts.
- 17 3. Develop and maintain a system for tracking the assessments of buildings, including
18 construction, repairs, modifications, and maintenance recommended for each school.
- 19 4. Shall adopt rules under chapter 28-32 to implement this section.
- 20 5. May contract for professional services to implement this section, including contracting
21 to study appropriate criteria to establish for public school facility standards.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - SCHOOL**
2 **BUILDING ASSESSMENTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys
3 in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,000,000, or
4 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the
5 purpose of providing for a statewide facilities assessment for the biennium beginning July 1,
6 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time
7 funding item.