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Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1510**

### Introduced by

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Representatives Schreiber-Beck, Conmy, Hanson, Longmuir, McLeod, Novak, Swiontek, Hager, Richter

Senators Davison, Hogan, Rummel

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 and a new section to
- 2 chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to financial planning resources for
- 3 new teachers and on-site child care for teachers; and to provide for a legislative management
- 4 study; and to provide an appropriation.

### 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

## New teacher resource - Financial planning.

- 1. The Bank of North Dakota, and teachers' fund for retirement board, and teacher support program coordinator shall submit to the superintendent of public instruction, in the manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction:
  - a. Information on the district framework of a teacher salary matrix framework;
- b. <u>Comparisons between insurance plans available for teachers;</u>
  - c. Description of benefits in teacher contracts; and
- d. Information about Internal Revenue Code section 457 deferred compensation
   plans, teachers' fund for retirement plans, and other benefits available to
   teachers.
  - 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall compile the information under subsection 1 into a report and distribute the report to the teacher preparation program programs, administrators in the state, including superintendents, business

managers, and building principals, and school districts for the benefit of education students educating new and recently hired teachers.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

# On-site child care for kindergarten through grade twelve teachers - Rules.

- A school district may provide child care services or allow child care providers to
   provide child care services for the children of teachers in a building located on school premises.
- The department, in cooperation with education stakeholders invited by the department, shall adoptreview and revise rules under chapter 28-32 to implement this section by July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH INSURANCE POOL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility of, impact of, and process for creating a health insurance pool for school district employees. The study must include a cost-benefit analysis of implementing a health insurance pool, a review of health insurance pool plan designs and administrative structures, and a comparative analysis of similar approaches adopted by other states for school district employees. The study also must include an analysis of the impact a health insurance pool would have on teacher salaries and a review of compensation structures that maximize lifetime earnings. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - TEACHER RETENTION PROGRAM. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the foundation aid stabilization fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing a statewide teacher retention program to support district leaders, including building principals and classroom teachers, to improve employee satisfaction and work environments, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - TEACHER SUPPORT. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,

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- 1 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
- 2 necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing funding for the
- 3 teacher support program operated by the education standards and practices board, including
- 4 supports and resources for all first, second, and third year teachers, for the biennium beginning
- 5 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.