



# NORTH DAKOTA

## *Family Alliance* LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Testimony in Support of House Bill 1540

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Good afternoon, Chairman Beard and honorable members of the Senate Education Committee,

North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action would like to testify in support of House Bill 1540 and respectfully requests that you render a DO PASS on this bill.

Educational options are in high demand nationwide as parents seek out the best opportunities for their children. There are now 34 states and territories that currently offer some type of school choice program<sup>1</sup>, and we would love for North Dakota to join those ranks. Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) and similar programs are some of the most popular types of school choice options because they offer families more educational flexibility through state financial support.

This bill would provide a state grant to families who choose not to enroll their students in public school or utilize home education. The funding could be used towards an array of qualified educational expenses. We are pleased this provides a financial benefit to families who utilize options outside the public school system if desired.

We strongly support this type of program in North Dakota, because it gives families more options as they consider the best educational fit for their children and specific circumstances. In addition, a school choice option such as this allows families to consider more educational choices than may have been possible on their own income alone.

For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action respectfully requests that you vote House Bill 1540 out of committee with a DO PASS recommendation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://excelinedinaction.org/2025/01/07/the-rise-of-eas-continues-10-states-take-action-on-school-choice-in-2024>

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, I appreciate your consideration and I'm happy to stand for any questions.

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