

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2362

Introduced by

Senators Schaible, Lemm, Weber

Representatives Jonas, Pyle

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-02-11 of the North Dakota Century Code  
2 relating to the accreditation of schools.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-02 1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-02-11. Superintendent of public instruction- Accreditation of schools- Rules.**

7 1. The superintendent of public instruction ~~may~~:

8 a. May adopt rules governing the accreditation of public and nonpublic schools. Any  
9 rule adopted under this section must incorporate measures of student  
10 achievement and bear a direct relationship to improving student achievement.

11 b. May provide schools with a choice of accreditation options, including:

12 (1) Accreditation through a state-defined accreditation process established by the  
13 superintendent of public instruction; or

14 (2) Accreditation through a nationally recognized accrediting organization, a  
15 formal school improvement organization, or a continuous improvement  
16 organization approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

17 c. ~~Shall~~ May establish a process to select the accreditation options for schools and  
18 a process for schools to select an accreditation option. Development of the  
19 process ~~must~~ ~~may~~ include input and participation from a steering committee,  
20 including representatives of education stakeholder groups, ~~including North~~  
21 Dakota united and state associations of school administrators; secondary and  
22 elementary school principals; and ~~the North Dakota school boards association.~~ <sup>members</sup>

23 d. Periodically shall review and evaluate the effectiveness of each accreditation  
24 option in improving student achievement and school performance.

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- 1           2.    Each accreditation option must:
- 2            a.    Meet or exceed the state standards to ensure consistency in the quality of
- 3                education.
- 4            b.    Provide measurable outcomes for student achievement, aligning with the
- 5                state goals.
- 6           3.    A school may select the accreditation statement option best aligning to the
- 7                instructional goals and operational needs of the school, subject to approval by the
- 8                superintendent of public instruction.
- 9           4.    The superintendent of public instruction shall contract with an accreditation
- 10           organization or vendor to create state-provided accreditation and offer to each
- 11           public school district, at no charge to the districts.
- 12           5.    If a district chooses to use an accreditation process from the state-approved list,
- 13                the district is responsible for any accreditation-related costs.
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