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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1171

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 15.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a home education committee; to amend and reenact section 15.1-23-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the number of units required before issuance of a high school diploma to a child who received home education; to provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-23-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-23-17. Home education - High school diplomas.

1. A child's school district of residence, an approved nonpublic high school, or the center for distance education may issue a high school diploma to a child who, through home education, has met the issuing entity's requirements for high school graduation provided the child's parent submits to the issuing entity a description of the course material covered in each high school subject, a description of the course objectives and how the objectives were met, and a transcript of the child's performance in grades nine through twelve.
2. In the alternative, a high school diploma may be issued by the child's school district of residence, an approved nonpublic high school, or the center for distance education provided the child, through home education, has completed at least ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-two units of high school coursework from the minimum required curriculum offerings established by law for public and nonpublic schools and the child's parent or legal guardian submits to the issuing entity a description of the course material covered in each high school subject, a description of the course objectives and how the objectives were met, and a transcript of the child's performance in grades nine through twelve. The issuing entity may indicate on a diploma issued under this subsection that the child was provided with home education.
3. If for any reason the documentation required in subsection 1 or 2 is unavailable, the entity issuing the diploma may accept any other reasonable proof that the child has met the applicable requirements for high school graduation.

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 15.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Home education committee - Membership.

1. The home education committee consists of:
 - a. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;

- b. The director of the education standards and practices board, or the director's designee;
 - c. A representative of the North Dakota council of educational leaders;
 - d. A representative of the North Dakota education association;
 - e. A representative of the North Dakota school boards association;
 - f. A representative of the North Dakota home school association;
 - g. A member of the legislative assembly who belongs to the majority party, appointed by the chairman of the legislative council;
 - h. A member of the legislative assembly who belongs to the minority party, appointed by the chairman of the legislative council;
 - i. An individual who provides home education in this state, appointed by the governor; and
 - j. An individual employed as a classroom teacher in this state, appointed by the governor.
2. The superintendent of public instruction shall serve as the chairman and shall call all meetings of the committee.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 15.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Home education committee - Compensation.

1. The following committee members are entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses, as provided by law for state officers, if they are attending meetings or performing duties directed by the committee:
- a. The individual who provides home education;
 - b. The individual employed as a classroom teacher in this state; and
 - c. The two members of the legislative assembly.
2. Each member of the legislative assembly serving on the committee is also entitled to receive per diem compensation in the amount established by section 54-03-20 if the member is attending meetings or performing duties directed by the committee.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 15.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Home education committee - Duties - Report.

1. The committee shall:
- a. Examine the delivery of home education in this state, including statutory requirements governing who may provide home education, the qualifications required of a home education provider, the settings in which home education may be provided, the assessment of children receiving home education, and the participation of children receiving home education in public school courses and extracurricular activities;

- b. Compare the delivery of home education in this state with the delivery of home education in other states;
 - c. Examine the scores of children receiving home education in this state on summative assessments such as the ACT, the SAT, and WorkKeys; and
 - d. Develop recommendations regarding statutory changes governing the provision of home education in this state.
2. Before July 1, 2010, the superintendent of public instruction shall present the recommendations of the home education committee to the legislative council.

SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE. Sections 2 through 4 of this Act are effective through December 31, 2010, and after that date are ineffective."

Renumber accordingly