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## **SENATE BILL NO. 2329**

Introduced by

Senators Unruh, Larsen, Miller

Representatives Grande, B. Koppelman, Thoreson

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-23-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to home education.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-23-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 6 15.1-23-09. Home education Standardized achievement test Exemption.
- 7 <u>1. a.</u> While in grades four, six, eight, and ten, each child receiving home education shall take a:
  - (1) A standardized achievement test used by the school district in which the child resides; or, if requested by the parent, shall take a
  - (2) A nationally normed standardized achievement test <u>if requested by the child's parent.</u>
  - b. The child shall take the test in the child's learning environment or, if requested by the child's parent, in a public school. An individual licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board shall administer the test.
  - 2. a. The requirement of subsection 1 does not apply if the parent notifies the school district in which the child resides that the parent has a philosophical, moral, or religious objection to the use of standardized achievement tests and the parent:
    - (1) Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;
    - (2) Holds a baccalaureate degree; or

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1		(3) Has met or exceeded the cutoff score of a national teacher examination
2		given in this state or in any other state if this state does not offer such an
3		examination.
4	<u>b.</u>	The parent shall file the notification and necessary documentation required by
5		this subsection with the school district at the same time that the parent files the

statement of intent to supervise home education required by section 15.1-23-02.