

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1143**

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kempenich

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the joint employment of school district superintendents; and to amend  
3 and reenact section 15.1-09-55 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the joint  
4 employment of school district superintendents.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **School district superintendent - Joint employment.**

9 If multiple school districts within a county have fewer than one thousand combined  
10 students, the school districts may jointly employ a superintendent.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-09-55 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **15.1-09-55. School district superintendent - Joint employment - Accreditation.**

14 1. The superintendent of public instruction may not impose through the accreditation  
15 process any penalties or sanctions on a school district for employing a superintendent  
16 jointly with one or more other districts.

17 2. The superintendent of public instruction may not require through the accreditation  
18 process that a school district employ a full-time superintendent.

19 3. The superintendent of public instruction may not include as a condition for  
20 accreditation the requirement that a school district employ a full-time superintendent.

21 4. The superintendent of public instruction may not impose through the accreditation  
22 process additional requirements on a superintendent employed by multiple school  
23 districts above or beyond the accreditation requirements for a superintendent  
24 employed by a single school district.

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- 1        5. The superintendent may not require, through the accreditation process, that an  
2            employee of a school district having fewer than one hundred students in high school  
3            spend more than thirty-three percent of the employee's time performing the duties of a  
4            school principal if the school district employs a superintendent jointly with one or more  
5            other districts.