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Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1143

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, Schatz, Schauer, Strinden Senators Dever, Schaible

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to required patriotism projects for public elementary school students;
- 3 and to provide a report to the legislative management.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- Required patriotism projects Elementary students Inclusion in curriculum Report
 to the legislative management.
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- a. "Patriotism project" means a student-led action on a community issue of the student's choice which is intended to influence the issue positively and which requires research and documentation regarding the process and outcome of the action taken.
- b. "Project-based" means a learning approach that engages students in essential knowledge and skills through a student-influenced inquiry process.
- 2. Beginning July 1, 2022, each public school district that provides instruction to elementary students shall ensure its curriculum includes a patriotism project. A school district may integrate the project and related instruction into existing course curricula.
- 3. Every elementary student enrolled in a public school district in the state shall complete at least one patriotism project in elementary school.
- 4. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide guidance to school districts
 regarding quality standards for patriotism projects and the implementation of this
 section.

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- 5. The superintendent of public instruction and school districts may seek assistance from
 third parties to implement professional development for staff related to project-based
 patriotism education.
- 4 6. A school district may accept monetary donations from veterans' organizations and
 5 civic groups located in the state to provide patriotism project curriculum to elementary
 6 students.
- 7. Each school district shall provide an assurance of completion of the patriotism project
 8 to the superintendent of public instruction through the shared student information
 9 system.
- 8. The superintendent of public instruction shall report annually to the governor and the
 legislative management regarding compliance under this section and may provide
 examples of patriotism projects in school districts.