



SB 2028 – Repeal of obsolete statutory provisions – NDCEL Testimony in Support

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Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee – good day and welcome back to Bismarck! My name is Dr. Aimee Copas – I am the Executive Director for the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders (known as NDCEL). NDCEL is an umbrella organization that represents and provides leadership development all school leaders in the state – including school superintendents, principals, CTE directors, school business officials, technology leaders, athletic directors, special education directors, and REA leaders. I’m excited to see some of you returning to this committee and am likewise excited to get to know the rest of you who are new to the education committee. We’ll be seeing a lot of each other during the session – working together in the best interest of students and schools is such a worthwhile endeavor! Thank you for your service.

In this instance I am here to indicate our support for SB2028 regarding repealing some statutory provisions which have proven to be no longer used or effective. During the interim session this past year, a good deal of time was spent in conjunction with the interim education committee, NDSBA, and our office to go through all of 15.1 with the thought in mind to clean it up. As Mr. Fastnacht who led the work indicated – all the items you see before you are areas that have outlived their usefulness in ND Century Code. There are no areas of concern that are being removed.

We encourage you to consider this bill and see as well, that this is a code language clean up and is worthy to consider for approval.

Thank you for your time.