

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2254

Introduced by

Senators Kreun, Beard, Weber

Representatives O'Brien, Richter, Schreiber-Beck

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to intervention by the superintendent of public instruction for a
3 chronically low-performing school or school district; and to provide a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Intervention for chronically low-performing schools - Report.**

8 1. As used in this section, unless context otherwise requires:

9 a. "Chronically-low performing district" means a school district for which auditing
10 and monitoring has revealed a consistent mishandling of processes, reporting, or
11 funds resulting in inadequate educational services for the school district's
12 students and has had chronically low-performing schools within the school
13 district.

14 b. "Chronically low-performing school" means a school identified by the state for
15 comprehensive support and improvement in accordance with the Every Student
16 Succeeds Act [Pub. L. 114-95; 114 Stat. 1177; 20 U.S.C. 28 et seq.] for more
17 than one cycle.

18 c. "Inadequate educational services" include a lack of annual progress in academic
19 achievement, student engagement, resource allocation, teacher effectiveness,
20 chronic absenteeism, and persistent subgroup opportunity gaps.

21 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall intervene directly when a public school is
22 a chronically low-performing school and when a school district is a chronically
23 low-performing school district. The superintendent of public instruction shall conduct
24 an assessment and a review of past interventions of a chronically low-performing

- 1 school or school district to identify areas of insufficient performance and develop an
2 improvement plan. An improvement plan under this section may include a directive
3 from the superintendent of public instruction requiring:
- 4 a. Funds to be held in escrow for the school or school district or spent as
5 designated by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 6 b. School or school district annexation, consolidation, or closure.
- 7 c. Changes to curriculum, training, instruction, assessment, or the school calendar
8 in the school or school district.
- 9 d. Reassignment or hiring of school or school district staff to fill roles associated
10 with school or school district needs.
- 11 3. The superintendent of public instruction annually shall report to the state board of
12 public school education, the education standing committees of the legislative
13 assembly during a legislative session, and an interim committee of the legislative
14 management when the legislative assembly is not in a legislative session regarding
15 the implementation of this section.