

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1329

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Swiontek

Senator Axtman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the duties of the superintendent of public instruction and the
3 establishment of a government spending database; to provide an appropriation; and to provide
4 an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Government spending database - Requirements - Superintendent of public**
9 **instruction.**

- 10 1. As used in this section, "submitting party" means:
- 11 a. A budget unit under section 54-44.1-04;
- 12 b. A political subdivision;
- 13 c. A school district; and
- 14 d. An institution under the control of the state board of higher education.
- 15 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall collect data from submitting parties and
16 establish and maintain a government spending database that is accessible without
17 cost through the internet and contains detailed expenditure data collected from
18 submitting parties. The data must be updated at least monthly.
- 19 3. The database must include for each expenditure:
- 20 a. The amount paid.
- 21 b. The payment date.
- 22 c. The recipient name.

- 1 d. The paying entity.
- 2 e. The employee position, if for a personnel payment.
- 3 f. For a school district, with respect to educational materials:
- 4 (1) A description of curriculum.
- 5 (2) The publisher and author of a textbook.
- 6 (3) A description of software specifications and developer identification.
- 7 g. A standardized categorization using United States census bureau codes for state
- 8 and local transactions and nationally recognized standardized codes for school
- 9 districts and institutions of higher education.
- 10 4. The database must provide:
- 11 a. Search capabilities.
- 12 b. Data aggregation tools.
- 13 c. Download options in common formats.
- 14 d. Anonymous salary and benefit information.
- 15 e. Regular updates of all information.
- 16 5. A submitting party shall provide the required data as directed, ensure the accuracy of
- 17 the data, and use existing resources for compliance with the requirements of this
- 18 section.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -**

20 **GOVERNMENT SPENDING DATABASE - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of

21 any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of

22 \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction

23 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a government spending database, for the

24 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this

25 section is considered a one time funding item.

26 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 1 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2026.