

**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 provide for a legislative management study regarding the establishment of a  
2 government spending database.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - GOVERNMENT SPENDING**  
5 **DATABASE.**

6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the  
7 feasibility of the establishment of a government spending database. The study must  
8 include:

9 a. A review of the training services necessary for school board members,  
10 superintendents, principals, and business managers regarding the government  
11 spending database, including best practices, personnel management, financial  
12 operations, facility planning, and regulatory compliance.

13 b. The feasibility of establishing a database that compiles the following information  
14 for each expenditure:

15 (1) The amount paid.

16 (2) The payment date.

17 (3) The recipient name.

18 (4) The paying entity.

19 (5) The employee position, if for a personnel payment.

20 (6) For a school district, with respect to educational materials:

21 (a) A description of curriculum.

22 (b) The publisher and author of a textbook.

- 1                                   (c) A description of software specifications and developer identification.
- 2                                   (7) A standardized categorization using United States census bureau codes for
- 3                                   state and local transactions and nationally recognized standardized codes
- 4                                   for school districts and institutions of higher education.
- 5                                   c. The feasibility of establishing a database capable of providing:
- 6                                   (1) Search capabilities.
- 7                                   (2) Data aggregation tools.
- 8                                   (3) Download options in common formats.
- 9                                   (4) Anonymous salary and benefit information.
- 10                                  (5) Regular updates of all information.
- 11                                  2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 12                                  with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
- 13                                  legislative assembly.