

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1329
(Representatives O'Brien, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Swiontek)
(Senator Axtman)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding the establishment of a government spending database.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - GOVERNMENT SPENDING DATABASE.

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility of the establishment of a government spending database. The study must include:
 - a. A review of the training services necessary for school board members, superintendents, principals, and business managers regarding the government spending database, including best practices, personnel management, financial operations, facility planning, and regulatory compliance.
 - b. The feasibility of establishing a database that compiles the following information for each expenditure:
 - (1) The amount paid.
 - (2) The payment date.
 - (3) The recipient name.
 - (4) The paying entity.
 - (5) The employee position, if for a personnel payment.
 - (6) For a school district, with respect to educational materials:
 - (a) A description of curriculum.
 - (b) The publisher and author of a textbook.
 - (c) A description of software specifications and developer identification.
 - (7) A standardized categorization using United States census bureau codes for state and local transactions and nationally recognized standardized codes for school districts and institutions of higher education.
 - c. The feasibility of establishing a database capable of providing:
 - (1) Search capabilities.
 - (2) Data aggregation tools.
 - (3) Download options in common formats.
 - (4) Anonymous salary and benefit information.
 - (5) Regular updates of all information.

2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1329.

House Vote: Yeas 83 Nays 8 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 4 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State