

HOUSE BILL NO. 1569

Introduced by

Representatives Richter, Brandenburg, Davis, Finley-DeVille, Kiefert, S. Olson, Satrom

Senators Conley, Marcellais, Myrdal, Sorvaag, Clemens

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to sex trafficking awareness and prevention curriculum.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Sex trafficking awareness and prevention - Curriculum.**

- 7 1. Beginning no later than the 2027-28 school year, a school district shall offer instruction
8 on sex trafficking awareness and prevention to each student at least once before the
9 student completes grade twelve.
- 10 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall review and approve curriculum before
11 the curriculum is used by a school district, or provide a school district with approved
12 curriculum.
- 13 3. A school district may offer instruction under this section beginning in grade seven.
- 14 4. The curriculum may be integrated into a relevant course.
- 15 5. The curriculum must include:
- 16 a. Information about the race, gender, and socioeconomic status of sex trafficking
17 victims and perpetrators;
- 18 b. Medically and legally accurate definitions of sex trafficking and information about
19 the term stigmatization and how it may reduce reporting and increase the
20 difficulty of detecting and prosecuting sex trafficking crimes;
- 21 c. Information about reporting systems and community engagement opportunities
22 with local, state, or national organizations against sex trafficking;
- 23 d. Basic identification training to determine if an individual is at risk of or has been
24 sex trafficked; and

- 1 e. Information to help students recognize the signs and behavior changes in others
- 2 that may indicate grooming for sex trafficking or other unlawful, coercive
- 3 relationships.
- 4 6. A school district may receive funds or donations to implement this section, as long as
- 5 any curriculum provided to the school district satisfies subsection 2.