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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 15.1-02 and a new section to

2   chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the superintendent of

3   public instruction and the establishment of a government spending database; to provide an

4   appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

6   **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

7   and enacted as follows:

8   **Training of school officials.**

9   The superintendent of public instruction shall:

10   1.   Contract for training services for school board members, superintendents, principals,

11   and business managers relating to the requirements of section 2 of this Act.

12   2.   Ensure the training includes academic best practices, personnel management,

13   financial operations, facility planning, and regulatory compliance.

14   **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

15   and enacted as follows:

16   **Government spending database - Requirements - ~~State treasurer - Office of~~**

17   **~~management and budget~~ Superintendent of public instruction.**

18   1.   As used in this section, "submitting party" means:

19   a.   A budget unit under section 54-44.1-04;

20   b.   A political subdivision;

21   c.   A school district; and

22   d.   An institution under the control of the state board of higher education.

23   2.   The ~~state treasurer~~ superintendent of public instruction shall collect data from submitting parties and establish and

24   maintain a government spending database that is accessible without cost through the

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1   internet and contains detailed expenditure data collected from submitting parties. The

2   data must be updated at least monthly.

3   3.   The database must include for each expenditure:

4   a.   The amount paid.

5   b.   The payment date.

6   c.   The recipient name.

7   d.   The paying entity.

8   e.   The employee position, if for a personnel payment.

9   f.   For a school district, with respect to educational materials:

10   (1)   A description of curriculum.

11   (2)   The publisher and author of a textbook.

12   (3)   A description of software specifications and developer identification.

13   g.   A standardized categorization using United States census bureau codes for state

14   and local transactions and nationally recognized standardized codes for school

15   districts and institutions of higher education.

16   4.   The database must provide:

17   a.   Search capabilities.

18   b.   Data aggregation tools.

19   c.   Download options in common formats.

20   d.   Anonymous salary and benefit information.

21   e.   Regular updates of all information.

22   5.   ~~The office of management and budget, in coordination~~ with the state treasurer shall

23   establish data submission standards for the submitting parties, develop security

24   protocols, create reporting schedules, and ensure compliance with section 44-04-18.

25   6.   A submitting party shall provide the required data as directed, ensure the accuracy of

26   the data, and use existing resources for compliance with the requirements of this

27   section.   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

28   **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION -** ~~**STATE TREASURER**~~ **- GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

29   **DATABASE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,

30   not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $~~250,000~~, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,

                $500,000

department of public instruction

1   to the ~~state treasurer~~ for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a government spending

2   database, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

3   **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act become effective July 1, 2026.