

**HB1420**  
**Bill Testimony**  
**Rep. Eric J. Murphy**  
**District 43, Grand Forks**

Chairman Beard and colleagues on the Senate Educations committee. This bill is introduced on behalf of the State Librarian. The intent of this bill is to clarify that the State Library Coordinating Council referenced in NDCC 54-24.4-05 is responsible for the distribution of **state funded** grants. This clearly defines that their authority lies in distribution of these state funded grants and distinguishes these grants from federal funding grants over which they have no authority.

This is a simple change in wording that was brought to my attention by the State Librarian, who is in support of this language change.