

**2025 SENATE EDUCATION**

**SB 2262**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Education Committee**  
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2262  
2/4/2025

Relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

Members Present: Chairman Beard; Vice-Chairman Lemm; Senators: Axtman, Boschee, Gerhardt, and Wobbema.

9:00 a.m. Chairman Beard called the meeting to order.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Quality education opportunities
- Establish K-12 Coordination Council
- Legislative management

9:00 a.m. Senator Schaible, District 31, introduced the bill and testified in favor.

9:05 a.m. Mark Vollmer, Executive Director ND K-12 Coordination Council, testified in favor and submitted testimony #34452.

9:26 a.m. Jamie Mertz, CFO ND Department of Public Instruction, testified neutral and submitted testimony #34088.

9:28 a.m. Committee discussion

**Additional written testimony:**

Aimee Bachmeier, citizen, submitted testimony in favor #33475.

Jeremy Schmaltz, School Board Member St. Michael's Catholic School, submitted testimony in favor #34247.

9:38 a.m. Chairman Beard closed the hearing.

*Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk*

Hello Education Committee,

My name is Aimee Bachmeier. I live in District 0802, and I am a parent who has chosen many different school choices for my children. I support SB 2295, SB2303, SB2400, HB 1607, HB 1590, HB 1540 school choice bills that support parent autonomy and the right to provide an education of choice for my children. Over the years, I have chosen many different methods of education for my children: private school, homeschool, and public school. Each of these choices was based on each individual child's needs and on our financial status.

For example, my oldest child was enrolled in a private elementary school. We loved the faith that was integrated in the school and the small class size, but he was severely struggling academically. At that time, we didn't feel it was the best choice to enroll him into public school. So, I left my job as an Assistant Professor at Bismarck State College and homeschooled. I homeschooled all 4 of my children for 5 years. It was very difficult financially, as we were living on one income. Due to financial constraints, we had to decline some field trips and activities, and I had to choose affordable homeschool materials. Often the materials were used and prewritten in and sometimes we would borrow materials from fellow homeschoolers. We became very creative and utilized the free resources we had in the community to help our children grow academically and spiritually. Before my eyes, I witnessed leaps and bounds in my oldest child's educational understanding. Eventually, he tested out of the IPP (IEP) program, and I no longer needed to submit my educational plan to the public schools. As he got older, he enrolled in public school. He was point one away from graduating with honors at the public school. This is a huge accomplishment! This was a child that went from barely being able to write in 7th grade to getting an A in high school and college English and is now on the dean's list at University of Mary. I cannot stress enough that parents know what is best for their child. It would have been so helpful to have the option of financial assistance while I was homeschooling and to have the support of my ND government during this time in my children's educational journey. My child's education was successful because we decided to homeschool him and pay for homeschooling using our own financial means. After we left homeschooling, we wanted to enroll our children back into private Catholic schools. However, we were on one income, and it was unaffordable. We still had small children that we were raising. We wanted our children to be raised with faith as a part of their schooling. We believe that it helps them to not only grow and learn academically but also spiritually. Because we had no choice, we enrolled them in the public school system. This is why school choice is so important to me and our family. If our ND government had supported our family with educational financial assistance and had supported school choice, then this would have opened our options and given us more autonomy in making decisions that we feel would be best for our children. Instead, we had no choice but to send our older children to the public school system. Currently, our two younger elementary age children go to the private Catholic school, and we are enduring a financial burden because we made the choice to send our children to Catholic schools. I should be able to use the money I pay for taxes to send my children to the school of choice.

I urge you to vote in favor of these bills SB 2295, SB2303, SB2400, HB 1607, HB 1590, HB 1540. Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and for your time on the Senate Educational Committee.

Sincerely,  
Aimee Bachmeier

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2262**  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**February 4, 2025**  
**By: Jamie Mertz, Chief Financial Officer**  
**701-328-2176**  
**Department of Public Instruction**

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Good morning, for the record my name is Jamie Mertz, Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Public Instruction. I am here to provide you with information regarding logistics of SB 2262.

To carry out the activity granted in to the K-12 Coordination Council, they will need someone to procure these services. Since their appropriation is within DPI's budget, it may be assumed that DPI will provide these services. We respectfully request that somewhere in the record it is stated that the council will utilize the State Procurement Office for these procurements. DPI's Procurement Officer is full-time busy with our procurements and contracts, to the point where we have to use the SPO office at times. We cannot take on the procurement responsibility of another entity with current resources.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my remarks. I thank you for the opportunity to discuss DPI's only concern with this bill. I would be happy to take any questions from the committee.

Greetings, Senate Education Committee,

My name is Jeremy Schmaltz. I live and work in District 42 and I am a parent and school board member who has chosen to enroll my child in St. Michael's Catholic School in Grand Forks, ND. I work as a clinical counselor in the area.

I support SB 2303, SB 2295, and SB 2400, but I am in support of all school choice bills that support parent autonomy and the right to provide an education for my child. I support SB 2303, SB 2295, and SB 2400 because having previous experience in both the public and private sector of education in my community as a former music educator, I believe that parents should have the right to choose where their tax dollars are allocated to provide their children with the best future they can provide. The public schools here in Grand Forks have chosen to include ideological content that is harmful to the natural development of elementary aged and middle school aged children. Kids are bullied for not being LGBTQAI + in GFPS. There has been a rise in kids who identify as transgender and non-binary ever since these policies have been adopted. Several students have gone as far as taking puberty blockers, have begun and nearly finished the process of transition. This is biologically and psychologically damaging on many levels, not to mention, banned in the EU. I find it sad that I must protect my child against this environment at my local public elementary school. As such, I do so voluntarily, but feel no other option but to send my child to a private institution. I personally choose a Catholic education for its rigorous academics, quality educators, the instillment of character and values that promote community service and leadership, and for its faith-based approach that aligns with our family's core values.

Having school choice will aid 100s of families in the Grand Forks area and 1000s throughout the state to have the ability to choose where their tax dollars go regarding their children's education, so that they can have the confidence and freedom that their tax dollars are being spent in accordance with their conscience and values. It also empowers the diversity of educational approach for those students who the traditional model of education does not work for.

I urge you to vote in favor of SB 2303, SB 2295, and SB 2400. In the United States, 11 states have universal private school choice programs, and 21 states have limited private school choice programs. It is time ND adopt these school choice programs to further empower its citizens and invest in the future of its children.

Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and your time on SB 2303, SB 2295, and SB 2400.

**Senate Education Committee****Senator Beard, Chair****February 4, 2025****SB 2262****Senator Beard** and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Mark Vollmer, and I am honored to serve as the Executive Director of the North Dakota K-12 Coordination Council. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today in support of Senate Bill 2262, which seeks to amend Section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code. This bill grants the North Dakota K-12 Coordination Council the authority to enter into contracts for educational research and provides an appropriation to support this work.

The intent of this legislation is twofold: first, to update the original language establishing the K-12 Coordination Council by explicitly granting it the authority to enter into agreements for research purposes; and second, to allocate funding necessary for the Council to engage in this vital work.

The North Dakota K-12 Coordination Council is dedicated to fostering quality educational opportunities for all students across our state. Our work is driven by a collaborative effort of 20 key stakeholders appointed by the Governor's Office, representing a broad range of expertise and perspectives. The Council has been fortunate to work alongside exceptional partners, including the Department of Public Instruction, North Dakota United, the North Dakota School Boards Association, and the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders. These organizations have provided invaluable support by assisting with research and development as their schedules and expertise permit.

However, there are instances where the Council would significantly benefit from the ability to contract with external entities to conduct in-depth research, collect and analyze data, and provide interpretation of findings. Under the current statutory language of Section 15.1-01-04, the Council does not have the authority to enter into such agreements, limiting our ability to gather comprehensive and timely research.

It is important to emphasize that granting this authority will not replace or diminish the existing collaborative research efforts with in-state partners. Whenever possible, the Council will continue to work with its established network to conduct research. SB 2262 simply enhances the Council's ability to obtain specialized research when needed, ensuring committee recommendations are informed by high-quality, data-driven insights.

If this bill is approved, any decision to engage with a third-party research organization would require approval by the full Council. No individual member or sub-committee would have the authority to enter into agreements independently, ensuring accountability and transparency in the process.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your support for SB 2262. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Education Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2262  
2/5/2025

Relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

Members Present: Chairman Beard; Vice-Chairman Lemm; Senators: Axtman, Boschee, Gerhardt, and Wobbema.

2:37 p.m. Chairman Beard called the hearing to order.

### Discussion Topics:

- Council meetings
- Fund amount

2:38 p.m. Committee discussion

2:52 p.m. Senator Wobbema moved a Do Pass on Amendment #25.1173.01001.

2:52 p.m. Senator Axtman seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Josh Boschee	Y
Senator Justin Gerhardt	Y
Senator Mike Wobbema	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0

2:54 p.m. Senator Wobbema moved a Do Pass as Amended and rerefer to Appropriations.

2:54 p.m. Senator Axtman seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Josh Boschee	Y
Senator Justin Gerhardt	Y
Senator Mike Wobbema	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0

Senator Lemm will carry the bill.

2:55 p.m. Chairman Beard closed the hearing.

*Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk*

February 5, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### SENATE BILL NO. 2262

Introduced by

Senators Braunberger, Schaible

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve  
3 coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

- 7 The council may enter a contract to conduct a study to carry out an objective of this  
8 section.

- 9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -**  
10 **KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE COORDINATION COUNCIL CONTRACTS.**  
11 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
12 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$250,000~~ \$120,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to  
13 the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of paying contracts entered by the  
14 kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council under section 15.1-01-04 of the North  
15 Dakota Century Code, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
SB 2262**

**Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1173.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2262 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2025 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**SB 2262**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2262  
2/12/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

10:21 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Sorvaag, Senator Cole Conley, Senator Scott Meyer, Senator Donald Schaible, Senator Paul J. Thomas.

### Discussion Topics:

- Incorporate Field Experts.

10:21 a.m. Senator Schaible introduced the bill.

10:28 a.m. Senator Meyer moved a Do Pass.

10:28 a.m. Senator Conley Seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Paul J. Thomas	Y

Motion Passed 5-0-0.

Senator Schaible will carry the bill.

10:33 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag closed the meeting.

*Steven Hall, Committee Clerk*

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2262  
2/13/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

4:13 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Bekkedahl, Senators Burckhard, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Magrum, Mathern, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Wanzek.

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman Erbele, Senators Meyer, Thomas.

### Discussion Topics:

- Clarification of Study Objectives
- Committee Action

4:13 p.m. Senator Schaible introduced the bill.

4:14 p.m. Senator Schaible moved a Do Pass.

4:14 p.m. Senator Sorvaag seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	A
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	N
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	A
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul J. Thomas	A
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion Passed 12-1-3.

Senator Lemm will carry the bill.

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4:17 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

*Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2262 ([25.1173.02000](#))**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2262 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2025 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**SB 2262**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Education Committee Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

SB 2262  
3/11/2025

Relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

9:00 a.m. Chairman Heinert called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber- Beck, Representatives, Conmy, Hager, Hatlestad, Hauck, Heilman, Jonas, Longmuir, Maki, Marchall, Morton, Novak, Osowski

### Discussion Topics:

- Contracts for educational research
- Funds for councilors
- General Funding

9:01 a.m. Senator Braunberger introduced the bill.

9:03 a.m. Luke Schaefer, Central Reginal Education Association, testified in favor.

9:09 a.m. Mark Vollmer, Executive Director, ND K12 Coordination Council, testified in favor and submitted testimony. #40184

9:13 a.m. Chairman Heinert closed the hearing.

9:14 a.m. Representative Novak moved a Do Pass and rereferred to the Appropriation committee.

9:15 a.m. Representative Jonas seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick R. Hatlestad	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Matthew Heilman	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y

Motion carried: 14-0-0

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Bill carrier: Chairman Heinert

*Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2262 ([25.1173.02000](#))**

**Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2262 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

**House Education Committee****Representative Heinert, Chair****March 11, 2025****SB 2262****Representative Heinert** and Members of the House Education Committee,

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For these reasons, I respectfully request your support for SB 2262. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**2025 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**SB 2262**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2262  
3/20/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

9:20 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Vigesaa, Vice Chairman Kempenich, Representatives Anderson, Berg, Bosch, Brandenburg, Fisher, Hanson, Louser, Martinson, Meier, Mitskog, Monson, Murphy, Nathe, Nelson, O'Brien, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Stemen, Swiontek, Wagner

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action
- K-12 Council funding

9:20 a.m. Representative Heinert introduced the bill.

9:30 a.m. Representative Kempenich moved Do Pass.

9:30 a.m. Representative Richter seconded the motion.

### Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	N
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	N
Representative Mike Berg	N
Representative Glenn Bosch	N
Representative Mike Brandenburg	AB
Representative Jay Fisher	N
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	N
Representative Lisa Meier	N
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative David Monson	N
Representative Eric J. Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	N
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y

Representative Mark Sanford	N
Representative Gregory Stemen	N
Representative Steve Swiontek	N
Representative Scott Wagner	N

Motion failed 9-13-1.

9:32 a.m. Representative Nathe moved Do Not Pass.

9:32 a.m. Representative Monson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	AB
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	N
Representative Scott Louser	N
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	N
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric J. Murphy	N
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	N
Representative Emily O'Brien	N
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	N
Representative David Richter	N
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Gregory Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

Motion passed 14-8-1.

9:32 a.m. Representative Nathe will carry.

9:33 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa closed the meeting.

*Krystal Eberle, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2262 ([25.1173.02000](#))**

**Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 8 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2262 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2262  
3/24/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

9:03 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Vigesaa, Representatives Anderson, Berg, Bosch, Brandenburg, Fisher, Hanson, Louser, Martinson, Meier, Monson, Murphy, Nathe, Nelson, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Stemen, Swiontek, Wagner

Members absent: Vice Chairman Kempenich, Representatives Mitskog, O'Brien

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

9:06 a.m. Representative Nathe moved to reconsider actions.

9:06 a.m. Representative Fischer seconded the motion.

9:07 a.m. Voice vote, motion passed.

9:07 a.m. Representative Nathe moved to Amend to remove Section 2.

9:07 a.m. Representative Stemen seconded the motion.

### Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	N
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	AB
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric J. Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y

Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	AB
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Gregory Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

9:07 a.m. Motion passed 19-1-3.

9:09 a.m. Representative Nathe moved Do Pass as Amended.

9:09 a.m. Representative Monson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	AB
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric J. Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	AB
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Gregory Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

9:09 a.m. Motion passed 20-0-3.

9:09 a.m. Representative Nathe will carry the bill.

9:09 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa closed the meeting.

*Krystal Eberle, Committee Clerk*

March 24, 2025

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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2262**

Introduced by

Senators Braunberger, Schaible

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12 ~~appropriated, the sum of \$120,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the~~  
13 ~~superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of paying contracts entered by the~~  
14 ~~kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council under section 15.1-01-04 of the North~~  
15 ~~Dakota Century Code, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.~~

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2262**

**Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1173.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2262 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

**2025 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**SB 2262**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Education Committee**  
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2262  
4/7/2025  
Conference Committee

Relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

4:30 p.m. Chairman Schaible opened the conference committee.

Members Present: Senators: Schaible, Lemm, Axtman; Representatives: Hanson, Longmuir, Louser

**Discussion Topics:**

- Policy in place
- Expertise from the field
- Conference Committee decision
- Authority of council

Chairman Schaible calls for discussion.

Committee discussion on SB 2262.

Representative Louser moved to accept the senate version LC #25.1173.02000 with the reduction of funds in section 2 to \$60,000.

Senator Axtman seconded the motion.

Roll call vote-motion carried 6-0-0.

Senator Axtman is the Senate bill carrier.

Representative Louser is the House bill carrier.

4:43 p.m. Chairman Schaible closed the conference committee hearing.

*Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk*

April 7, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

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**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2262**

Introduced by

Senators Braunberger, Schaible

*In place of the amendments (25.1173.02001) adopted by the House, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2262 is amended by amendment (25.1173.02002) as follows:*

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority for the kindergarten through grade twelve  
3 coordination council to enter contracts; and to provide an appropriation.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

- 7 The council may enter a contract to conduct a study to carry out an objective of this  
8 section.

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -**  
10 **KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE COORDINATION COUNCIL CONTRACTS.**

- 11 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
12 appropriated, the sum of ~~\$120,000~~ \$60,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
13 superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of paying contracts entered by the  
14 kindergarten through grade twelve coordination council under section 15.1-01-04 of the North  
15 Dakota Century Code, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

# Committee Vote Details

## Final Recommendation

**SB 2262**  
**Date Submitted:** April 7, 2025, 4:44 p.m.  
**Recommendation:** In Place Of  
**Amendment LC #:** 25.1173.02002  
**Engrossed LC #:** N/A  
**Description:**  
**Motioned By:** Louser, Scott  
**Seconded By:** Axtman, Michelle  
**House Carrier:** Louser, Scott  
**Senate Carrier:** Axtman, Michelle  
**Emergency Clause:** None  
**Vote Results:** 6 - 0 - 0

Rep. Louser, Scott	YEA
Rep. Longmuir, Donald W.	YEA
Rep. Hanson, Karla Rose	YEA
Sen. Schaible, Donald	YEA
Sen. Lemm, Randy D.	YEA
Sen. Axtman, Michelle	YEA

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
ENGROSSED SB 2262**

Your conference committee (Sens. Schaible, Lemm, Axtman and Reps. Louser, Longmuir, Hanson) recommends that in place of amendment [25.1173.02001](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2262 is amended by amendment [25.1173.02002](#).

Engrossed SB 2262 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.