

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2068

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Robinson

Representatives Devlin, Haas, Metcalf

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-29 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, and in the alternative to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1 of the
3 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the borrowing of money by school district technology
4 consortia; to provide for a contingent expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **School district technology consortium - Authority to borrow money.**

- 9 1. A school district technology consortium formed under chapter 54-40.3 may borrow
10 money for instructional technology acquisition provided:
- 11 a. The outstanding principal borrowed by a consortium under this section does
12 not exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars;
 - 13 b. The loan repayment period does not exceed ten years;
 - 14 c. The loan is approved in writing by the board of each school district
15 participating in the consortium;
 - 16 d. The loan is approved by a majority of the eligible electors residing in each
17 school district participating in the consortium, as evidenced by their
18 signatures on a petition clearly stating the purpose of the loan, the amount of
19 the loan, and its terms of repayment, and filed with the superintendent of
20 public instruction; and
 - 21 e. The loan is approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 22 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules setting forth the criteria
23 for loan approval. The superintendent of public instruction may not approve a loan
24 under this section if the superintendent determines that the instructional

1 technology acquisition is not compatible with the statewide information technology
2 plan.

3 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **School district technology consortium - Authority to borrow money.**

- 6 1. A school district technology consortium formed under chapter 54-40.3 may borrow
7 money for instructional technology acquisition provided:
- 8 a. The outstanding principal borrowed by a consortium under this section does
9 not exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars;
 - 10 b. The loan repayment period does not exceed ten years;
 - 11 c. The loan is approved in writing by the board of each school district
12 participating in the consortium; and
 - 13 d. The loan is approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 14 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules setting forth the criteria
15 for loan approval.

16 **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective
17 through the date on which House Bill No. 1034 as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative
18 assembly becomes effective, and after that date is ineffective.

19 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** Section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency
20 measure.