

HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

Introduced by

Representatives Skarphol, Aarsvold, Koppang

Senators Lindaas, Lyson, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-40.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code
2 or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 15.1-29-02 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to tuition agreements for students attending school in bordering states.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective,
6 section 15-40.2-10 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and
7 reenacted as follows:

8 **15-40.2-10. ~~Reciprocal master agreements for student~~ Student attendance in
9 ~~other states—School district agreements—Procedure when bordering state does not~~
10 ~~enter into reciprocal master agreement -~~ Contract - Tuition.**

11 1. ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall enter into reciprocal master~~
12 ~~agreements with the appropriate state educational agencies or officers of bordering~~
13 ~~states in regard to the cost of educating elementary and high school students in the~~
14 ~~public schools or institutions in such bordering states. A school district may either~~
15 ~~comply with the terms of the reciprocal master agreement or, upon notification to~~
16 ~~the superintendent of public instruction, may enter into an agreement~~ contract ~~with~~
17 ~~a school district in a bordering state for the education of elementary and high~~
18 ~~school students. The agreement, which replaces the provisions of the master~~
19 ~~reciprocal agreement, must provide for the payment of tuition at an amount agreed~~
20 ~~upon by the school district of residence and the school district of the bordering~~
21 ~~state. However, the tuition may not exceed the amount established under the~~
22 ~~reciprocal master agreement, nor may it be less than the per student foundation~~
23 ~~aid plus tuition apportionment in the student's school district of residence. For~~
24 ~~purposes of foundation~~ state aid distribution, a student ~~attending who attends~~

1 school in a bordering state under ~~such an agreement~~ a contract as provided by this
2 section is deemed to be in attendance in the student's school district of residence.

3 The student's school district of residence is liable to the school district in the
4 bordering state for payments as provided in the ~~agreement~~ contract.

5 2. ~~If the state educational agency or officer of the bordering state is not authorized to~~
6 ~~or declines to enter into a reciprocal master agreement with the superintendent of~~
7 ~~public instruction, a school district may negotiate with a school district of that~~
8 ~~bordering state an amount of tuition it is willing to pay to that other state's school~~
9 ~~district for the education of pupils in that state. The school district of residence is~~
10 ~~liable to the school district in the bordering state for the payments it agrees to make~~
11 ~~under this subsection. However, if the school district accepts students from that a~~
12 ~~bordering state, it may not agree to accept those nonresident~~ the students for an
13 amount of tuition that is less than the ~~foundation aid~~ amount of the per student
14 payment plus the tuition apportionment it would have received from this state for
15 one of its students in the same grade if its student had been attending in that
16 bordering state.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-29-02 of the North Dakota Century Code as
18 created by House Bill No. 1045, as approved by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **15.1-29-02. Education of students in bordering states - ~~Reciprocal contract~~**
21 **Contract - Tuition.**

22 1. ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall pursue a reciprocal contract with the~~
23 ~~education agency of each bordering state. The contract must address the cost of~~
24 ~~educating students in the public schools of the bordering state.~~

25 2. A school district may ~~comply with the terms of the superintendent's reciprocal~~
26 ~~contract or, upon providing notice to the superintendent of public instruction, may~~
27 ~~contract with a school district in a bordering state for the education of students. A~~
28 ~~contract between school districts supersedes the terms of the superintendent's~~
29 ~~reciprocal contract.~~ A contract between school districts must provide for the
30 payment of tuition at an agreed-upon amount. ~~The amount of tuition payable per~~
31 ~~student may not exceed the amount set by the superintendent's reciprocal contract~~

1 ~~nor may it be less than the per student payment plus tuition apportionment in the~~
2 ~~North Dakota school district.~~

3 ~~3.~~ 2. For purposes of per student payments and tuition apportionment payments, a
4 student who attends school in a bordering state under a contract provided for by
5 this section is deemed to be in attendance in the student's school district of
6 residence. The student's school district of residence is liable to the school district
7 of the bordering state for payments as provided in the contract.

8 ~~4.~~ 3. ~~If the education agency of a bordering state is not authorized to or refuses to enter~~
9 ~~into a reciprocal contract with the superintendent of public instruction, a school~~
10 ~~district in this state may enter into its own contract with a school district in a~~
11 ~~bordering state for the education of students.~~ A school district in this state may not
12 agree to accept students from a bordering state unless the tuition payable equals
13 or exceeds the per student payment plus the tuition apportionment payment that
14 the district would have received from this state for a student in the same grade if its
15 student had been attending school in the bordering state.