

HOUSE BILL NO. 1149

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to agreements between school districts for students who attend
3 vocational education courses; and to amend and reenact sections 15-40.1-16.1 and 15-41-24 of
4 the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02
5 and 15.1-27-28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state transportation payments
6 and minimum curriculum requirements.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective, section
9 15-40.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **15-40.1-16.1. Transportation aid for certain vocational education and special**
11 **education programs.** There must be paid from state funds to each school district an amount
12 for transporting pupils to and from schools in other districts and to and from schools within
13 school districts for vocational education courses offered through cooperative arrangements
14 approved by the state board for vocational and technical education or attended pursuant to an
15 agreement entered into under section 3 of this Act. That amount must be the same amount for
16 mileage and per day as is provided in subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15-40.1-16.
17 Payments must be made to school districts transporting pupils for special education programs
18 approved by the superintendent of public instruction as follows:

- 19 1. School districts transporting nine or fewer pupils per vehicle are entitled to the
20 payment provided in section 15-40.1-16 for vehicles having a capacity of nine or
21 fewer pupils.
- 22 2. School districts transporting ten or more pupils per vehicle are entitled to the
23 payment provided for in section 15-40.1-16 for schoolbuses having a capacity of
24 ten or more pupils.

1 School districts entitled to transportation aid pursuant to this section must receive aid for all
2 miles [kilometers] traveled and for all pupils transported, regardless of whether the pupils live
3 within the incorporated limits of cities in which the schools in which they are enrolled are
4 located. However, no school district may receive more than one per-pupil payment for
5 transportation regardless of the number of times any pupil is transported in any one day.
6 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the superintendent of public instruction
7 shall, upon request, make the payments under this section that are due to school districts
8 participating in area vocational and technology centers or multidistrict special education
9 programs, for the transportation of pupils in those centers and programs, directly to the
10 respective area vocational and technology centers or multidistrict special education programs.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective, section
12 15-41-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **15-41-24. High schools - Minimum curriculum.** The following units of study must be
14 made available to all students in each public and private high school in this state at least once
15 during each four-year period, and each private high school shall comply with the requirements
16 of this section if such high school is to receive approval by the department of public instruction:

- 17 1. English, four units.
- 18 2. Mathematics, three units.
- 19 3. Science, four units.
- 20 4. Social studies, three units. Effective July 1, 1994, social studies must include one
21 unit of world history and one unit of United States history, each of which must be
22 integrated with a strong geography component.
- 23 5. Health and physical education, one unit.
- 24 6. Music, one unit.
- 25 7. Any combination of the following course areas: business education, economics
26 and the free enterprise system, foreign language, industrial arts, vocational
27 education, six units. For purposes of this subsection vocational education includes
28 home economics, agriculture, office education, distributive education, trade
29 industrial, technical, and health occupations.

30 Each public or private high school may count for purposes of compliance with this section those
31 vocational education courses which are offered through cooperative arrangements approved by

1 the state board for vocational and technical education or which are attended pursuant to an
2 agreement entered into between the school districts under section 3 of this Act.

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

5 **Agreement for students to attend vocational educational courses.**

6 1. Regardless of any other state laws, a school board may enter into an agreement
7 with any other school district board in this state or in a bordering state authorizing
8 its students to attend vocational education courses in the other school district.

9 2. The agreement may:

10 a. Require some form of payment from one school district to the other; or

11 b. Provide for the sharing of costs of operating vocational education programs.

12 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code as
13 created by House Bill No. 1045, as approved by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.** In order to be approved by the
16 superintendent of public instruction, each public and nonpublic high school shall make available
17 to each student:

18 1. Four units of English.

19 2. Three units of mathematics.

20 3. Four units of science.

21 4. Three units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United
22 States history, both of which must emphasize geography.

23 5. One unit of health and physical education.

24 6. One unit of music.

25 7. Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise
26 system, foreign language, American sign language, industrial arts, and vocational
27 courses including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business and office
28 technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education,
29 technology education, and health careers. The vocational courses may be offered
30 through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for vocational and

1 technical education or pursuant to an agreement entered into between the school
2 districts under section 3 of this Act.

3 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-28 of the North Dakota Century Code as
4 created by House Bill No. 1045, as approved by the fifty-seventh legislative assembly, is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-27-28. School district transportation of vocational and technical education**
7 **students - Payments.**

- 8 1. Each school district is entitled to receive an amount for transporting students to
9 and from schools in other districts and to and from schools within the district for
10 vocational and technical education courses offered through cooperative
11 arrangements approved by the state board for vocational and technical education
12 or pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 3 of this Act. The amount
13 must be the same for mileage and per day payments as that provided in
14 subdivisions a through c of subsection 1 of section 15.1-27-26.
- 15 2. A school district may not receive more than one per student payment for
16 transportation of a student regardless of the frequency with which the student is
17 transported during any one day.
- 18 3. Notwithstanding any other law, the superintendent of public instruction shall make
19 the payments due a school district under this section directly to an area vocational
20 and technology center if requested to do so by the school district.