

SENATE BILL NO. 2166

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Department of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to waiver of accreditation rules by the superintendent of public instruction.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-08 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-06-08. ~~Conditions~~ Rules for accreditation and approval - Waiver.** The
7 superintendent of public instruction may waive any ~~condition~~ rule for accreditation and approval
8 for a reasonable period of time, provided the waiver encourages innovation, permits
9 experimentation, and has the potential to result in an improved program. The superintendent
10 may waive the ~~conditions~~ rule only with the concurrence of a majority of a waiver committee
11 composed of one member appointed by the North Dakota education association, one member
12 appointed by the North Dakota council of educational leaders, ~~and~~ one member appointed by
13 the North Dakota school boards association, two members of the legislative assembly
14 appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the senate president pro tempore, one
15 member appointed at large by the superintendent of public instruction, and one member
16 appointed at large by the governor. An application for a waiver must offer assurances that the
17 local district or public or nonpublic school can demonstrate that it has approved and
18 implemented curricula in English language arts and mathematics that are aligned to the state's
19 content standards and that it can report student progress against these content standards at
20 grades four, eight, and twelve, as is appropriate for the grade level of the program, district, or
21 school.