

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1230**

Introduced by

Representatives Mueller, Delmore, Haas, Hawken

Senators Flakoll, Taylor

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the provision of kindergarten programs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-22-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-22-01. Kindergarten - Establishment by board - ~~Petition for establishment~~**  
7 **Request by parent - Levy.**

- 8 1. Upon its own motion, the board of a school district may establish a free public  
9 kindergarten ~~for the instruction during a school year of resident children below~~  
10 ~~school age.~~
- 11 2. If the board receives a ~~petition signed by qualified electors residing in the district~~  
12 ~~equal in number to at least twenty percent of those who voted in the most recent~~  
13 ~~annual school district election, the board must submit the question of establishing a~~  
14 ~~kindergarten to the electorate at the next annual or special school district election.~~  
15 ~~The margins of electoral approval provided in section 57-15-14 must be applied~~  
16 written request to provide kindergarten from the parent of a student who will be  
17 enrolled in the kindergarten, the board shall either provide at least a half-day  
18 kindergarten program for the student or pay the tuition required for the student to  
19 attend at least a half-day kindergarten program in another school district.
- 20 3. The board of a school district that establishes a kindergarten under this section  
21 may levy a tax pursuant to subdivision p of subsection 1 of section 57-15-14.2.