

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1374
(Representatives Hawken, Delmore, R. Kelsch, L. Meier)
(Senators Flakoll, Holmberg)

AN ACT to create and enact a new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school district programs for English language learners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new chapter to title 15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

English language learners - Program of instruction. Each school district shall provide a program of instruction for students who are English language learners. The program may be provided by a school district or in conjunction with one or more districts.

Program establishment. The superintendent of public instruction shall:

1. Appoint a state advisory committee to assist with the establishment and administration of English language learner programs and the state English language proficiency assessment;
2. Establish standards for English language learner programs;
3. Ensure that the English language learner programs use effective research-based methods to teach the students;
4. Assist school districts with the development and administration of English language learner programs and services;
5. Employ a program administrator and other necessary personnel; and
6. Coordinate federal, state, and local funding to maximize the services available to students.

English language learner services - Individualized plans. If a school district determines through assessment that a student requires English language learner services, the school district shall convene a team to review the student's language and educational needs. The team may develop an individualized language plan and recommend specialized language instruction and related services.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1374.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 5 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 2 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State