

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1566
(Representatives Kasper, R. Kelsch, L. Meier)
(Senators Flakoll, Wardner)

AN ACT to require that the commissioner of higher education study the interplay between the North Dakota university system and tribally controlled community colleges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION - STUDY - HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGES. The state commissioner of higher education shall study during the 2009-10 interim, the interplay between the North Dakota university system and tribally controlled community colleges. Specifically, the commissioner shall address ways in which the North Dakota university system as a whole and the individual campuses can better interact with tribally controlled community colleges through improved communication, collaboration, and relationship-building activities. In addition, the commissioner shall focus on ways in which tribally controlled community colleges can encourage American Indians to pursue options in higher education, thereby bringing economic benefit to their families and communities and ways in which the university system and the individual campuses can work with tribally controlled community colleges to provide tutoring, mentoring, and other types of assistance necessary to ensure that the retention rates and graduation rates of American Indian students are increased. The commissioner shall report any findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.

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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1566.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 2 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State