

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1229**

Introduced by

Representatives Grande, Rohr, Schatz, Hunskor

Senators Luick, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the teaching of abstinence with the school health curriculum.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Teaching of abstinence - Health curriculum.**

7 Beginning July 1, 2012, each school district shall ensure that its curriculum for health has as
8 its objective to teach the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining
9 from sexual activity. The curriculum must:

10 1. Explain why abstinence from sexual activity until marriage provides safety from
11 sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, and other associated health issues;

12 2. Teach how to reject sexual advances, including self-defense;

13 3. Inform how drugs, alcohol, irresponsible use of social media, and peer pressure can
14 negatively influence unhealthy sexual decisionmaking and lead to aggressive sexual
15 behavior; and

16 4. Explain the negative influences of the sex-saturated media that present teen sexual
17 activity as an expected norm with few risks or negative consequences.