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SENATE BILL NO. 2186

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, D. Larson, Oban

Representatives D. Johnson, Schreiber-Beck, Guggisberg

1   A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota

2   Century Code, relating to an innovative pilot program to improve student educational

3   performance.

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

5   **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

6   and enacted as follows:

7   **Innovative learning - Pilot program.**

8   1.   The superintendent of public instruction may approve an application from any public or

9   nonpublic school for a one-year pilot program to improve student educational

10   performance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the superintendent of public

11   instruction may approve public and nonpublic school pilot programs that provide for

12   more local control and flexibility of the program than provided for under state law.

13   2.   Following the initial approval of a program and before the end of the one-year pilot

14   program, the school may submit a comprehensive implementation plan to the

15   superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall

16   assist the school in creating a long-term sustainability plan for the program and may

17   approve the plan to continue the program for up to five years.

18   3.   During the implementation period the superintendent of public instruction may

19   authorize the school to use any of the following methods to improve implementation,

20   innovation, and state evaluation:

21   a.   Awarding credit for learning that takes place off school premises or outside

22   normal school hours;

23   b.   Allowing flexibility regarding instructional hours, school days, and school years;

24   and

1   c. Allowing any other appropriate flexibility necessary to implement the program.

2   4. The superintendent of public instruction shall create evaluation criteria for any pilot

3   project and adopt rules to implement the program in accordance with chapter 28-32.

4   Any school participating in a pilot project or implementing a program shall submit for

5   review any data requested by the superintendent which is required for evaluation of

6   the project or program.