Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1306

Introduced by

Representatives Strinden, Nelson, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Davison, Myrdal, Weston

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-32 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to establishing a dyslexia voucher program; and to provide a report to
- 3 the legislative management; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

- 7 Dyslexia voucher program Report to legislative management.
- 8 <u>1.</u> The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a dyslexia voucher program to
   9 assist in funding general educational needs related to dyslexia for individuals from age
- 10 five to under age eighteen who have been identified as having dyslexia. The program
- 11 <u>may include funding for assistive technology, audio books or computer support for</u>
- 12 reading, language-generating devices, training and educational materials for parents,
- 13 parenting education, language comprehension equipment, and tutors, including private
- <u>tutors training in dyslexia interventions. A school district shall permit private tutors to</u>
   <u>provide tutoring services on school premises.</u>
- <u>16</u> <u>2.</u> <u>The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to administer the program,</u>
   <u>address the management of the program, and to establish the eligibility requirements</u>
   <u>and exclusions for the program.</u>
- 193.The superintendent of public instruction shall report biennially, by September first of20each even-numbered year, to the legislative management regarding the dyslexia21voucher program.

22 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - DYSLEXIA

- 23 VOUCHER PROGRAM. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
- state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may

- 1 be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of funding the dyslexia
- 2 voucher program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The
- 3 department of public instruction may use up to five percent for administrative costs for the
- 4 program.