

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1123
(Representative Heinert)
(Senator Davison)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the membership, spending authority, and funding for the kindergarten through grade twelve education coordination council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-01-04. Kindergarten through grade twelve education coordination council.

1. The state board of public school education shall oversee the creation and ongoing operation of the kindergarten through grade twelve education coordination council.
2. The council consists of:
 - a. ~~Three~~Four members of the legislative assembly, ~~one member of the majority party~~two members from each chamber of the legislative assembly, ~~one member~~ selected by the respective majority leader of ~~the~~each chamber, and ~~one member of the minority party selected through collaboration between~~by the respective minority leaders~~leader of each~~either chamber, and one member selected by the legislative management from the chamber from which the minority leader did not make a selection;
 - b. The governor or the governor's designee;
 - c. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee;
 - d. The president of the state board for career and technical education or the president's designee;
 - e. The president of the board of the North Dakota council of educational leaders or the president's designee;
 - f. The president of the board of North Dakota united or the president's designee;
 - g. The president of the board of the North Dakota school boards association or the president's designee;
 - h. The president of the board of the North Dakota small organized schools or the president's designee;
 - i. The president of the board of the North Dakota school counselor association or the president's designee; and
 - j. The following gubernatorial appointees:
 - (1) An individual representing the statewide longitudinal data system committee;
 - (2) An individual representing a tribal school interests;
 - (3) An individual employed as a public school administrator;

- (4) An individual employed as a public school principal;
 - (5) An individual employed as a public elementary school teacher;
 - (6) An individual employed as a public secondary school teacher;
 - (7) A director of a special education unit; and
 - ~~(7)~~(8) A director of a regional education association.
3. The term of office for a member appointed by the governor is four years. The governor may stagger the initial appointments to the council so no more than three members' terms expire in any year.
 4. The council shall select a presiding officer annually from among its members.
 5. A member of the council who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive per diem compensation at the rate provided under section 54-35-10 for each day performing official duties of the council and to reimbursement for travel and expenses as provided by law, to be paid by the legislative council. A member of the council who is not a state employee is entitled to receive as compensation sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per day and to reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers while attending meetings of the council, to be paid by the state board of public school education. A state employee who is a member of the council is entitled to receive that employee's regular salary and is entitled to reimbursement for mileage and expenses, to be paid by the employing agency.
 6. The council may hire an executive director.
 7. The council shall:
 - a. Assist in the implementation, dissemination, and communication of the statewide strategic vision and evaluate progress toward meeting the identified goals and strategies.
 - b. Perform a continuous review of the effectiveness and efficiency of access and delivery of education services and programs in the state.
 - c. Identify opportunities for increased collaboration among state education entities and stakeholders.
 - d. Identify gaps or duplications in education services and programs and provide recommendations for addressing those gaps or duplications.
 - e. Study and evaluate new and emerging educational initiatives and trends and provide recommendations for policy changes to state entities or the legislative assembly if necessary.
 - f. Support the implementation, dissemination, and communication of local or regional educational initiatives and practices, including innovative education programs, on a statewide level.
 - g. ~~Establish a one-stop communication and information hub to provide the public and interested parties with seamless access to state entities that deliver education services and programs.~~
 - h. Develop and utilize subcommittees as needed.
 - i. ~~h.~~ Seek advice and input from interested parties not appointed to the council as needed.
 - j. ~~i.~~ Review the North Dakota learning continuum and provide recommendations to the state board of public school education.

8. The council shall meet at least ~~four~~six times per ~~calendar year~~biennium.
9. The council shall prepare and present an annual report of council activities to the state board of public school education and to the legislative management.

Dennis Johnson
Speaker of the House

Tammy Miller
President of the Senate

Bull T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Brandi Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1123.

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Bull T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

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Doug Burgum
Governor

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at 2:58 o'clock P. M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State