

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1283**

Introduced by

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Senators Larsen, Miller, Unruh

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 parental directives; and to provide an expiration date.

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 **Parental directive - Administration of tests and assessments - Report.**

- 7 1. A student's parent may direct that the school district in which the student is enrolled  
8 not administer to the student any state test or state assessment required in  
9 accordance with section 15.1-21-08.
- 10 2. In addition to the authority granted under subsection 1, a student's parent may direct  
11 that the school district in which the student is enrolled not administer any other specific  
12 test or assessment to the student, provided that a parental directive under this  
13 subsection does not apply to:
- 14 a. Any test or assessment required by the student's school district of enrollment or  
15 this state for the completion of any grade from kindergarten through twelve;
- 16 b. Any test or assessment required by the student's school district of enrollment or  
17 this state for high school graduation;
- 18 c. The ACT; or
- 19 d. WorkKeys assessments.
- 20 3. a. A parental directive is valid only if it is presented to the school district using a  
21 standardized form, prepared by the superintendent of public instruction, and  
22 signed by the student's custodial parent.

- 1           b. A parental directive is valid only until the conclusion of the school year in which it  
2           is received by the school district.
- 3           c. A parental directive submitted to a school district in accordance with this section  
4           must be retained as part of the student's educational record.
- 5           4. A school district is not liable for any consequences incurred by a student as a result of  
6           a parental directive submitted in accordance with this section.
- 7           5. A school district is not required to provide instruction or activities for a student during  
8           the administration of any test or assessment referenced in the parental directive  
9           submitted by the student's parent.
- 10          6. Each school district shall post the parental directive form on its website and make the  
11          form available to a parent, upon request.
- 12          7. At the time and in the manner directed by the superintendent of public instruction,  
13          each school district shall provide a report regarding:
  - 14           a. The number of parental directives received;
  - 15           b. The number of parental directives applicable to students who are economically  
16           disadvantaged, students from major racial and ethnic groups, students with  
17           disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency; and
  - 18           c. Any loss of funding stemming from the parental directives.

19           **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2017, and after that  
20           date is ineffective.