

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1467
(Representatives D. Johnson, Brandenburg, Hatlestad, Howe)
(Senators Klein, Luick, Wanzek)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study regarding agricultural issues in the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - AGRICULTURAL ISSUES - GRAIN BUYERS, ROVING GRAIN BUYERS, GRAIN HANDLING FACILITIES, FERTILIZER, SOIL AMENDMENTS, SEED, AND FUEL. During the 2019-20 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying agricultural issues in the state, including studying grain buyers, roving grain buyers, grain brokers, and grain handling facilities under title 60; and issues related to prepayment for fertilizer, soil amendments, seed, and fuel in situations of insolvency. The study must include a review of the current law, industry practices, and background checks relating to grain buyers, roving grain buyers, grain brokers, and handling facilities and a review of any potential efficiencies that may exist, methods of maintaining financial security during the grain buying process including consideration of facility operating capital to ensure adequate solvency during licensing, and the process of confidential financial and physical audits. The study also must include a review of the law pertaining to grain handling facility asset lists to determine if changes are required to ensure producers are protected from facility insolvency if an end product is refined and no longer reflects the original product, the indemnity fund under title 60, and grain handling facility bonding requirements. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1467.

House Vote: Yeas 83 Nays 8 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State