

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1491
(Representatives Gulleon, R. Kelsch)
(Senator Heitkamp)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic course delivery; to provide for a legislative council report; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Electronic course delivery - Approval process.

1. Before a person may provide elementary or high school courses electronically to a student, school, or school district in this state, the person must obtain annual approval from the superintendent of public instruction. The electronic delivery of a course includes online and technological delivery methods.
2. Before the superintendent of public instruction may grant approval to a person under this section, the superintendent shall verify that:
 - a. All courses offered by the person in this state are aligned with the state content and performance standards and if standards do not exist for a particular course, the criteria must ensure that the course content is sufficiently challenging for students, given the grade level at which it is offered;
 - b. All teachers involved in the electronic delivery of a course meet or exceed the qualifications and licensure requirements placed on the teachers by the state in which the course originates; and
 - c. All students receiving a course electronically have ongoing contact time with the teachers of the course.
3. The approval process provided for in this section does not apply to a course provided electronically between approved schools in this state.

SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. During the 2007-08 interim, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide a report to the legislative council regarding the planning and development of the electronic course delivery approval process to be implemented as provided in this Act.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this Act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

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 Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1491.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State