

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1125**

Introduced by

Representatives Richter, Fisher, Jones, Lefor

Senators Bekkedahl, Clemens, Davison

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-16 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to plans for cooperating school districts.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-27-16. Per student payments - Cooperating districts.**

7 1. If any school district receiving payments under this chapter cooperates with another  
8 school district for the joint provision of educational services under a plan approved by  
9 the superintendent of public instruction, the superintendent of public instruction shall,  
10 notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.1-27-03.2, create and assign a separate  
11 weighting factor that allows the cooperating districts to receive, for a period of four  
12 years, a payment rate equivalent to that which each district would have received had  
13 the cooperative plan not taken effect. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
14 compute the separate weighting factor to four decimal places and that weighting factor  
15 is effective for the duration of the cooperative plan.

16 2. A school district that is cooperating with another school district under a cooperative  
17 plan approved by the superintendent of public instruction, and which has taxable  
18 property located in the same city as the other school district under the cooperative  
19 plan, may not be required as part of the cooperative plan to:

20 a. Provide unduplicated grade level services; or

21 b. Share administrative personnel.