

HOUSE BILL NO. 1380

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Meier, Schatz, Thoreson

Senators Dotzenrod, Unruh

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the required closure of schools; and to amend and reenact section
3 15.1-27-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the rescheduling of classes due to
4 weather.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Required closure of schools.**

9 If the sheriff of a county notifies a school district superintendent that rural roads used by the
10 school district to transport students are included in a no travel advisory issued by the
11 department of transportation, and if the sheriff notifies the superintendent that, using
12 professional judgment, the weather conditions are likely to deteriorate, thereby making the
13 transportation of students unsafe, the superintendent of the district shall provide for the
14 immediate dismissal of students and cancel all school functions and activities until such time as
15 the no travel advisory has been lifted.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **15.1-27-23. Weather or other emergency conditions - Closure of schools - State aid**
19 **payments to school districts.**

20 1. a. If because of severe weather or other emergency conditions a public school or
21 school district remains closed or provides less than a full day of instruction, the
22 public school or school district shall make every effort to reschedule classes so
23 that students receive at least the number of full instructional days required by
24 section 15.1-06-04.

- 1 b. The requirements of subdivision a do not apply if the closure was instituted as a
2 result of a county sheriff's notification under section 1 of this Act.
- 3 2. Any public school or school district for which the rescheduling of classes would create
4 undue hardship may request that, for purposes of calculating state aid payments to the
5 school district, the governor waive the rescheduling in whole or in part.
- 6 3. The governor may not grant a waiver for less than a full day of instruction. However, if
7 a public school or school district closes for only a portion of its regular schoolday, the
8 hours during which the school or school district is closed may be added together to
9 determine the number of additional full days of instruction that may be waived under
10 this section.