

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2311
(Senators G. Lee, Luick)
(Representatives L. Meier, Rust)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota teacher of the year award.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota teacher of the year award - Selection - Announcement.

1. Annually, the superintendent of public instruction shall accept nominations for the North Dakota teacher of the year award.
2. The superintendent of public instruction shall develop and publish the criteria by which all nominees must be considered and shall appoint an eight-member committee to review the nominations and select the North Dakota teacher of the year. The committee must consist of:
 - a. A former North Dakota teacher of the year award recipient;
 - b. A representative of the North Dakota council of educational leaders;
 - c. A representative of the North Dakota department of career and technical education;
 - d. A representative of the North Dakota department of public instruction;
 - e. A representative of the North Dakota education association;
 - f. A representative of the North Dakota school boards association; and
 - g. A representative of nonpublic schools in this state.
3. By September thirtieth of each year, the governor and the superintendent of public instruction shall jointly announce the award recipient and serve as the exclusive hosts of a ceremony and reception honoring the teacher of the year. The ceremony and reception must take place in the memorial hall of the state capitol or, if requested by the award recipient, at a location in the municipality within which the recipient resides or works.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2311.

Senate Vote: Yeas 38 Nays 9 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 50 Nays 40 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State