

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1448**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide free electronic access to state-funded research.

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

3 **SECTION 1.**

4 **State-funded research - Free electronic access - Preservation of papers.**

5 1. Whenever a state agency or political subdivision enters a contract with an institution of  
6 higher education for the provision of research, the contract must require that the  
7 institution provide to the state agency or political subdivision an electronic version of  
8 any research paper that results from the grant, if the paper is accepted for publication  
9 in a peer-reviewed journal.

10 2. The agency shall make the electronic version of material provided under subsection 1  
11 available to the public, free of charge, no later than six months from the date of the  
12 paper's publication.

13 3. The agency shall post electronically an updated bibliography of all research papers  
14 that are available under this section, and provide links to each paper.

15 4. The state library shall work with each agency to provide for the long-term preservation  
16 of and free access to all research papers acquired under this section.