

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2029

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Human Services)

(Senators Nalewaja, Thane, Lips)
(Representatives Carlisle, Thoreson, Clark)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-40.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to payments for refugee students having limited English language skills;
3 and to provide an appropriation for level I and II students.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-40.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Per student payments - Limited English proficient refugee students.**

- 8 1. In addition to any other payments provided for by this chapter, each school district
9 is entitled to receive three hundred dollars for each student who:
- 10 a. Has immigrated to the United States as a refugee from a country in which a
11 language other than English is dominant; and
- 12 b. Has been assessed by the student's school district and determined to have
13 negligible or very limited English language skills as evidenced by a
14 classification of level I or II using the Woodcock-Munoz language survey.
- 15 2. In order to receive the full payment provided for in this section, a school district
16 must complete the student assessment required by subsection 1 and forward the
17 results to the superintendent of public instruction on or before October first of each
18 school year. The superintendent shall distribute the payments no later than May
19 thirtieth of each school year. The superintendent shall prorate payments under
20 this section for any students registering in the school district after October first or
21 departing the school district prior to the completion of the school year.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
23 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so
24 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the

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- 1 purpose of providing payments to school districts educating refugee students qualifying under
- 2 section 1 of this Act for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.