

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2441**

Introduced by

Senator Freborg

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for school district reorganization bonuses.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Reorganization bonus - Eligibility - Distribution.**

- 4 1. If a school district reorganizes with one or more contiguous school districts or  
5 portions of districts, the newly reorganized district is entitled to receive a  
6 reorganization bonus, provided at least one of the reorganizing districts is a high  
7 school district and that the newly reorganized district consists of at least eight  
8 hundred square miles.
- 9 2. The total reorganization bonus to which a newly reorganized district is eligible  
10 consists of:
- 11 a. Fifty thousand dollars per one hundred square mile block, or a major portion  
12 thereof, included within the reorganized district and calculated by determining  
13 the lesser of the total square mileage of the reorganized district or one  
14 thousand four hundred square miles, and subtracting from that amount the  
15 square mileage of the largest district or portion of a district involved in the  
16 reorganization;
- 17 b. One thousand dollars per student calculated by determining the lesser of the  
18 total fall enrollment of the newly reorganized district or seven hundred fifty  
19 and subtracting from that amount the fall enrollment in the district or portion of  
20 the district that had the largest student population of those districts or portions  
21 of districts participating in the reorganization during the school year  
22 immediately preceding the effective date of the reorganization; and
- 23 c. Fifty thousand dollars for each whole school district that formed the  
24 reorganized district.

- 1           3.    The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the reorganization bonus to  
2                   each eligible reorganized district during the month of December, following the  
3                   effective date of the district's reorganization.

4           **SECTION 2. Reorganization bonus - Distribution - Limitation.** For purposes of  
5   distributing reorganization bonuses, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the  
6   eligibility of reorganized districts chronologically, according to the date on which each district's  
7   reorganization plan was approved by the state board of public school education. After all other  
8   statutory obligations have been met within the limits of legislative appropriations, the  
9   superintendent of public instruction shall make the distribution of reorganization bonuses from  
10   funds made available in the grants - foundation aid and transportation line items in Senate Bill  
11   No. 2013, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, for the 1999-2001 biennium,  
12   provided the superintendent may not expend more than three million dollars during the  
13   1999-2001 biennium for the purpose of this Act. No reorganization bonus payable under this  
14   Act may exceed five hundred thousand dollars. A reorganized district that receives a  
15   reorganization bonus under this Act is not eligible to receive additional reorganization bonuses  
16   based on future reorganization efforts for a period of ten years. If any funds remain in the  
17   grants - foundation aid and transportation line item after the obligations of this Act are met and  
18   after all other statutory obligations are met within the limits of legislative appropriations, the  
19   superintendent of public instruction shall distribute up to three million dollars of any remaining  
20   funds as a separate and additional per student payment on a weighted basis as determined  
21   under chapter 15-40.1.