

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

SENATE BILL NO. 2441
(Senator Freborg)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

AN ACT to provide for school district reorganization bonuses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Reorganization bonus - Eligibility - Distribution.

1. If a school district reorganizes with one or more contiguous school districts or portions of districts, the newly reorganized district is entitled to receive a reorganization bonus, provided at least one of the reorganizing districts is a high school district and that the newly reorganized district consists of at least eight hundred square miles.
2. The total reorganization bonus to which a newly reorganized district is eligible consists of:
 - a. Fifty thousand dollars per one hundred square mile block, or a major portion thereof, included within the reorganized district and calculated by determining the lesser of the total square mileage of the reorganized district or one thousand four hundred square miles, and subtracting from that amount the square mileage of the largest district or portion of a district involved in the reorganization;
 - b. One thousand dollars per student calculated by determining the lesser of the total fall enrollment of the newly reorganized district or seven hundred fifty and subtracting from that amount the fall enrollment in the district or portion of the district that had the largest student population of those districts or portions of districts participating in the reorganization during the school year immediately preceding the effective date of the reorganization; and
 - c. Fifty thousand dollars for each whole school district that formed the reorganized district.
3. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the reorganization bonus to each eligible reorganized district during the month of December, following the effective date of the district's reorganization.

SECTION 2. Reorganization bonus - Distribution - Limitation. For purposes of distributing reorganization bonuses, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the eligibility of reorganized districts chronologically, according to the date on which each district's reorganization plan was approved by the state board of public school education. After all other statutory obligations have been met within the limits of legislative appropriations, the superintendent of public instruction shall make the distribution of reorganization bonuses from funds made available in the grants - foundation aid and transportation line item in Senate Bill No. 2013, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, for the 1999-2001 biennium, provided the superintendent may not expend more than two million dollars during the 1999-2001 biennium for the purpose of this Act. No reorganization bonus payable under this Act may exceed five hundred thousand dollars. A reorganized district that receives a reorganization bonus under this Act is not eligible to receive additional reorganization bonuses based on future reorganization efforts for a period of ten years.

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 Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2441.

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 4 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 13 Absent 4

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State