

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 to
5 create a new school district as provided by law, the newly reorganized district is
6 entitled to receive a reorganization bonus, provided at least one of the reorganizing
7 districts is a high school district and the newly reorganized district consists of at
8 least eight 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 for each one hundred square mile block, or major
12 portion thereof, included within the reorganized district, up to a total payment
13 under this subdivision of seven hundred thousand dollars per reorganized
14 district;
- 15 b. One thousand dollars for each student up to a total payment under this
16 subdivision of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per reorganized district
17 based on the following calculation:
- 18 (1) The total fall enrollment of the newly reorganized district; minus
19 (2) The three-year average of the number of students in average daily
20 membership in the district that had the largest student population of
21 those 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 school district participating in the
24 reorganization.

- 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. The
8 superintendent of public instruction shall make the distribution of reorganization bonuses from
9 funds available in the grants - foundation aid and transportation line items in Senate Bill
10 No. 2013, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, for the 1999-2001 biennium,
11 except that the superintendent of public instruction may not expend more than two million
12 dollars during the 1999-2001 biennium for the bonuses provided for in this Act. A reorganized
13 district that receives a reorganization bonus under this Act is not eligible to receive additional
14 reorganization bonuses based on future reorganization efforts for a period of ten years.