

HOUSE BILL NO. 1301

Introduced by

Representatives Nottestad, Aarsvold, Haas, L. Thoreson

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 14 of chapter 169 of the 1999
2 Session Laws, relating to school district reorganization bonuses; to provide an appropriation;
3 and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 14 of chapter 169 of the 1999
6 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 2. a. If any funds appropriated by the legislative assembly to the grants -
8 foundation aid and transportation line item remain after completion of all
9 statutory obligations, to the extent of legislative appropriations, the
10 superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the first \$1,000,000 of such
11 contingent funds as supplemental per student payments to each school
12 district in the state on the basis of average daily membership.
- 13 b. The superintendent shall distribute the next \$1,000,000 of such contingent
14 funds to assist school districts experiencing declines in student enrollment
15 under the terms provided for by subdivision b of subsection 1.
- 16 c. The superintendent shall distribute ~~the next \$2,000,000 of such contingent~~
17 ~~funds to school districts eligible to receive reorganization bonuses, as~~
18 ~~provided for by Senate Bill No. 2441, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative~~
19 ~~assembly, and shall distribute any~~ all ~~remaining funds, except \$2,000,000, as~~
20 supplemental per student payments to each school district in the state on the
21 basis of average daily membership.

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
23 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so
24 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the

1 purpose of distributing reorganization bonuses under section 15.1-12-11.1 to school districts,
2 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003. The superintendent of
3 public instruction shall determine the eligibility of reorganized districts chronologically, according
4 to the date on which each district's reorganization plan was approved by the state board of
5 public school education. No reorganization bonus payable under this Act may exceed
6 \$500,000. A reorganized district that receives a reorganization bonus under this Act is not
7 eligible to receive additional reorganization bonuses based on future reorganization efforts for a
8 period of ten years.

9 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.