

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

Introduced by

Representatives Vigesaa, Boe, Kerzman

Senators Andrist, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 50-01.2-03.2 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the funding of economic assistance programs in counties with
3 federally recognized Indian reservation land; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 50-01.2-03.2 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the department shall reimburse
8 county social service boards for expenses of locally administered economic
9 assistance programs in counties in which more than twenty percent of the
10 caseload for these programs consists of people who reside on a federally
11 recognized Indian reservation or property tax-exempt tribal trust lands. The
12 reimbursement must be such that:
- 13 a. An affected county's expenses for locally administered economic assistance
14 programs in excess of the statewide average of such costs, expressed in
15 mills, for all other counties will be reimbursed at one hundred ten percent;
- 16 b. Each calendar year the affected counties will receive quarterly allocations
17 based on the actual county expenses for the state fiscal year ending the
18 previous June thirtieth and the most recent taxable valuations published
19 pursuant to section 57-13-07 available on that date; and
- 20 c. The reimbursement will be calculated for each county and reported to the
21 county social service board prior to August first of the year preceding the
22 allocation.

23 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

- 1 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
2 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$337,423, or so much of the sum as may
3 be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of reimbursing
4 the expenses of locally administered economic assistance programs in counties
5 that contain federally recognized Indian reservation land, for the biennium
6 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.
- 7 2. Each affected county shall reduce that county's human services budget by the
8 amount saved by the implementation of section 1 of this Act and shall publish the
9 property tax savings in that county's official newspaper.