

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2242

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Krebsbach, Robinson

Representatives Devlin, Kreidt, J. Nelson

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 57-15-56 and section 57-39.2-26.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a matching grant from the senior citizen services and programs fund to counties and the mill levy for senior citizen services and programs; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 57-15-56 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. The state treasurer shall provide matching funds as provided in this subsection for counties for senior citizen services and programs funded as required by this section. The grants must be made on or before March first of each year to each eligible county. A county receiving a grant under this section which has not levied a tax under this section shall transfer the amount received to a city within the county which has levied a tax under this section. A grant may not be made to any county that has not filed with the state treasurer a written report verifying that grant funds received in the previous year under this subsection have been budgeted for the same purposes permitted for the expenditure of proceeds of a tax levied under this section. The written report must be received by the state treasurer on or before February first of each year following a year in which the reporting county received grant funds under this subsection. A matching fund grant must be provided from the senior citizen services and programs fund to each eligible county equal to ~~two-thirds of~~ the amount levied in dollars in the county under this section for the taxable year, but the matching fund grant applies only to a levy of up to one mill under this section.

It is the intent of the legislative assembly that counties or cities allocate an amount equal to ~~one-third of~~ one mill of property tax revenue from their funds raised or

received under section 57-15-06, 57-15-08, or 57-39.2-26.1, or any combination of those fund sources, for senior citizen services and programs for each taxable year. A continuing appropriation of state matching funds and expectation of a local matching fund effort is initiated because of the anticipated increase in state aid distribution fund allocations, with the intent of stabilizing matching funds for senior citizen services and programs at a funding level of one mill for all participating counties. A county is not required to provide the ~~one-third of~~ one mill matching funds if the county program can be covered with the funding from the state and the levy under this section in the county. It is also anticipated that this change in funding will allow reduction of mill levies under this section in some counties, which will allow allocation of unused amounts under section 57-39.2-26.2 among counties levying the statutory maximum amount for taxable year 2004.

SECTION 4-2. AMENDMENT. Section 57-39.2-26.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-39.2-26.2. Allocation of revenues to senior citizen services and programs matching fund - Continuing appropriation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a portion of sales, use, and motor vehicle excise tax collections equal to the amount of revenue that would have been generated by a levy of ~~two-thirds of~~ one mill on the taxable valuation of all property in the state subject to a levy under section 57-15-56 in the previous taxable year must be deposited by the state treasurer in the senior citizen services and programs fund during the period from July first through December thirty-first of each year. The state tax commissioner shall certify to the state treasurer the portion of sales, use, and motor vehicle excise tax revenues which must be deposited in the fund as determined under this section. Revenues deposited in the senior citizen services and programs fund are provided as a standing and continuing appropriation for allocation as provided in subsection 5 of section 57-15-56. Any unexpended and unobligated amount in the senior citizen services and programs fund at the end of the 2005-07 biennium must be allocated among counties that levied the statutory maximum mill levy for taxable year 2004 in proportion to the dollars generated by those levies in those counties for that year but the allocation to any county may not exceed the difference between combined funding for the county's senior citizen services and programs for taxable year 2004 and the combined funding for those services and

- 1 programs for taxable year 2006 and any remaining unexpended and unobligated amount at the
- 2 end of any biennium must be transferred by the state treasurer to the state general fund.

- 3 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after
- 4 December 31, 2010.