

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

Introduced by

Representatives B. Koppelman, Bellew, Kempenich, Meier, Steiner, Streyle, Wallman

Senators Laffen, Rust, Schaible, Sorvaag, Wardner

A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota~~
~~Century Code, relating to supplemental payments for increased school district enrollment.~~for an
Act to provide for a legislative management study of school district enrollment determinations
for purposes of the elementary and secondary education funding formula.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

~~**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
~~and enacted as follows:~~

~~**Supplemental payment – Increased enrollment.**~~

~~1. If a school district's September tenth enrollment report indicates that the number of~~
~~students enrolled has increased over the district's average daily membership, as~~
~~determined on the previous June thirtieth, the superintendent of public instruction shall~~
~~add to any other state aid payable to the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27~~
~~supplemental payment utilizing the difference between the district's average daily~~
~~membership and its fall enrollment.~~

~~2. The superintendent of public instruction shall apply all pertinent provisions of chapter~~
~~15.1-27 in order to determine the supplemental payment amount.~~

~~3. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the payment provided for in~~
~~this section to eligible school districts, at the same time and in the same manner as~~
~~other state aid payments.~~

~~4. a. If a school district receives a supplemental payment in accordance with this~~
~~section and if the number of students reflected in the district's September tenth~~
~~enrollment report is greater than the district's average daily membership, as~~
~~determined on the ensuing June thirtieth, the superintendent of public instruction~~
~~shall determine the difference and subtract the amount of dollars attributable to~~

~~that difference from any state aid payment to which the district is entitled during the following school year.~~

~~b. If a school district receives a supplemental payment in accordance with this section and if the number of students reflected in the district's September tenth enrollment report is less than the district's average daily membership, as determined on the ensuing June thirtieth, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the difference and add the amount of dollars attributable to that difference to any state aid payment to which the district is entitled during the following school year.~~

~~5. A school district may not receive less than the amount to which it was entitled based on its average daily membership, as determined on the previous June thirtieth.~~

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SCHOOL DISTRICT

ENROLLMENT DETERMINATIONS. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying school district enrollment determinations for purposes of the elementary and secondary education funding formula. The study must include an examination of the financial burdens placed on school districts having enrollment increases that are not immediately reflected in state aid payments and alternate or supplemental ways of addressing such increases within or outside of the state aid formula. The study also must include the desirability and feasibility of providing for gradual formula changes to accommodate disparities in enrollment determinations. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.