

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2275

Introduced by

Senators Luick, Bekkedahl, Davison, Lemm

Representative Fisher

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a pilot program to provide grants to schools that provide instruction in
3 a foreign language to students in kindergarten through grade three; and to provide an
4 appropriation.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Curriculum - Kindergarten through grade three - Foreign language - Pilot program.**

9 Beginning with the 2025-26 school year and continuing through the 2026-27 school year,
10 the superintendent of public instruction shall establish and operate a pilot program to provide
11 annual grants to schools that provide instruction in a foreign language to students in
12 kindergarten through grade three. Grants awarded under the program may be used for program
13 costs, materials, or stipends. Grants awarded under this program may not exceed two thousand
14 five hundred dollars per school per year. The superintendent shall develop the requirements
15 and procedures for a school to participate in the program.

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - FOREIGN**
17 **LANGUAGE TEACHER STIPENDS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
18 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$49,500, or so much of the
19 sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction, for the purpose of creating a
20 pilot program to provide grants to schools that provide instruction in a foreign language to
21 students in kindergarten through grade three, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
22 ending June 30, 2027.