

**SENATE BILL NO. 2031**

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Education Finance Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-40.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to state transportation payments to school districts.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-40.1-18 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-40.1-18. State transportation payments to school districts.** The superintendent  
7 of public instruction shall determine the total amount of payments to be made to the school  
8 districts for transportation aid. The office of management and budget shall pay the sum  
9 certified by the superintendent of public instruction to each school district. Payments must be  
10 made in the same manner and at the same time as other payments from the state to school  
11 districts are made, as provided in section 15-40.1-05. No school district may receive more than  
12 ninety percent of the actual costs it incurs in the provision of transportation services. For  
13 purposes of this section, actual costs include the transportation operating expenditures reported  
14 to the superintendent of public instruction for the most recent year plus the eight-year average  
15 cost of transportation equipment determined by the superintendent of public instruction. Any  
16 district that has contracted for transportation services, however, may determine its actual costs  
17 for the first year it provides its own transportation services by using either the higher of its  
18 transportation operating expenditures or the statewide average cost of transportation during  
19 that first year.