

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1373**

Introduced by

Representatives Devlin, D. Johnson, Nicholas, Weisz

Senators Krauter, Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-01.2-03.2 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to reimbursements to county social service boards.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-01.2-03.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the  
5 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-01.2-03.2. County duties - Financing in exceptional circumstances.**

- 7 1. Each county social service board shall administer, under the direction and  
8 supervision of the department:
- 9 a. Locally administered economic assistance programs;
  - 10 b. Replacement programs with substantially similar goals, benefits, or objectives;
  - 11 and
  - 12 c. When necessary, experimental, pilot, or transitional programs with
  - 13 substantially similar goals, benefits, or objectives.
- 14 2. On or before February twenty-eighth of each year, each county shall report to the  
15 department the total amount of county funds expended in the previous year to  
16 meet the cost of providing human services required under this title and the number  
17 of mills that must have been levied by that county in the prior year to raise that total  
18 amount. Upon receipt of reports from all counties, the department shall determine  
19 the statewide average of the mill levies and identify each county that levied ten  
20 mills more than that average. Each identified county is entitled to a share of funds  
21 appropriated for distribution under this subsection. Each identified county's share  
22 is determined by:

- 1 a. Reducing its mill levy necessary to meet the costs of providing human
- 2 services required under this title by the statewide average mill levy
- 3 determined under this subsection plus ten mills;
- 4 b. Determining the amount that could have been raised in that county and year
- 5 through a mill levy in the amount calculated under subdivision a;
- 6 c. Totaling the amounts determined under subdivision b for all counties entitled
- 7 to a distribution;
- 8 d. Calculating a decimal fraction equal to each identified county's proportionate
- 9 share of the total determined under subdivision c; and
- 10 e. Multiplying that decimal fraction times one-half of the biennial appropriation.
- 11 3. ~~The~~ Notwithstanding any other section of law, the department shall seek
- 12 appropriations for the purpose of providing additional financial assistance to
- 13 reimburse county social service boards for human service program costs and local
- 14 one hundred percent of the county expenses of administering human service
- 15 locally administered economic assistance programs in counties in which the
- 16 presence of an Indian reservation substantially reduces the amount of property
- 17 subject to taxation related to cases involving Indians living within the boundaries of
- 18 a federally recognized Indian reservation or property tax-exempt tribal trust lands.