

April 15, 1999

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2013

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1130-1138 of the Senate Journal and pages 1239-1246 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2013 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative council study;"

Page 1, line 3, replace "section" with "sections" and after "15-21-02" insert "and 15-21-03"

Page 1, line 4, replace "section" with "sections" and after "15.1-02-02" insert "and 15.1-02-03"

Page 1, line 5, replace "; to repeal section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2381, as" with "and the appointment of a deputy superintendent; and to amend and reenact sections 15-59-06, 15-59-06.2, 15-59-07, 44-03-01, and 54-44.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to special education, the appointment of deputies, and executive budget allotments."

Page 1, remove line 6

Page 1, line 17, replace "11,706,777" with "11,152,952"

Page 1, line 18, replace "10,107,032" with "9,809,720"

Page 1, line 19, replace "591,036" with "491,036"

Page 1, line 20, replace "481,006,259" with "479,006,259"

Page 1, line 23, replace "44,600,000" with "46,600,000"

Page 1, line 24, replace "132,695,566" with "143,318,663"

Page 2, line 4, replace "737,951,556" with "747,623,516"

Page 2, line 5, replace "199,247,247" with "204,137,871"

Page 2, line 6, replace "538,704,309" with "543,485,645"

Page 2, line 21, replace "136,327" with "36,327"

Page 2, line 22, replace "5,502,539" with "5,402,539"

Page 2, line 23, replace "657,369" with "720,903"

Page 2, line 24, replace "4,845,170" with "4,681,636"

Page 3, line 1, replace "863,400" with "1,002,577"

Page 3, line 2, replace "2,328,405" with "2,189,228"

Page 3, line 3, replace "548,840,795" with "553,319,420"

Page 3, line 4, replace "202,361,835" with "207,455,170"

Page 3, line 5, replace "751,202,630" with "760,774,590"

Page 3, line 25, replace "Ten" with "Eleven"

Page 3, line 27, after "reimbursements" insert ", as provided in sections 15-40.2-08, 15-59-06, 15-59-06.2, 15-59-07, and 15-59-07.2. Of this amount, \$5,500,000 must be distributed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and \$6,000,000 must be distributed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. Any funds remaining after distributions pursuant to sections 15-40.2-08, 15-59-06, 15-59-06.2, 15-59-07, and 15-59-07.2 for either year must be distributed to school districts and special education units to proportionately reduce school district and special education unit liability for costs in excess of 2.5 times the state average per student cost, as provided in sections 15-59-06, 15-59-06.2, 15-59-07, and 15-59-07.2"

Page 4, line 14, replace "\$1,000,000" with "\$6,000,000"

Page 4, line 20, after the period insert "Prior to the distribution of grants pursuant to this section, the educational telecommunications council may establish a minimum grant amount of \$5,000. A school district is not eligible to receive a grant under this section unless the administrative office of the district is connected to the internet."

Page 4, remove lines 21 through 25

Page 6, after line 15, insert:

"SECTION 17. CREDENTIALING PROCESS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS. The superintendent of public instruction may not change the credentialing process for special education teachers as it is in effect on March 1, 1999, without first convening a meeting to include representatives of the North Dakota council of education leaders, the council of exceptional children, the North Dakota education association, and the North Dakota school boards association. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments regarding the proposed changes, the applicability of the proposed changes, including the scheduling, the manner of implementation, associated costs, and the short-term and long-term effects of the proposed changes. If, within thirty days after the date of the meeting, members of any two representative groups present at the meeting object in writing to the proposed changes, the superintendent may not implement the change prior to July 1, 2001.

SECTION 18. SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL DATA - REPORTING - REQUIREMENTS. The superintendent of public instruction shall develop standardized reporting forms, in both hard copy and electronic format, prescribing the manner in which school district superintendents and business managers must account for and report financial data. The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the interim education finance committee of the legislative council regarding the content of the reports and specific actions taken to account for transfers from school district general funds, to eliminate or reduce variations in the reporting of data, and to ensure that the financial data is available in a form that allows for accurate and consistent comparisons.

SECTION 19. NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS TESTING. The department of public instruction shall participate in the national assessment of educational progress (NAEP) testing program for the 1999-2001 biennium.

SECTION 20. FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION URGED.

The fifty-sixth legislative assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the President to increase federal funding for special education to achieve, within the next three years, the statutory goal of the federal government providing funding for special education students equal to 40 percent of the national average per student educational expenditure. The secretary of state shall send copies of this section to the President, the members of the North Dakota congressional delegation, the national conference of state legislatures, and the state superintendent of public instruction.

SECTION 21. LAND BOARD DISTRIBUTIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15-03-05.2, during the 1999-2001 biennium, the board of university and school lands shall distribute to the school for the deaf and the school for the blind all income from permanent funds managed for the benefit of those institutions.

SECTION 22. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - DIVISION OF INDEPENDENT STUDY. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 1999-2001 interim, the role, mission, operation, and privatization of the division of independent study, including educational services provided by the division to out-of-state students. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-seventh legislative assembly.

SECTION 23. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - POSITION TRANSFERS - DIVISION OF INDEPENDENT STUDY. It is the intent of the fifty-sixth legislative assembly that for the 1999-2001 biennium, the department of public instruction be authorized to have no more than 131.95 full-time equivalent positions and that no more than 38.7 of these positions be in the division of independent study. It is the intent of the fifty-sixth legislative assembly that if, during the 1999-2001 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction transfers any positions to the division of independent study from other divisions of the department of public instruction, the transfers be reported to the budget section of the legislative council at its next meeting.

SECTION 24. CLASS SIZE REDUCTION GRANTS - REPORT TO BUDGET SECTION. During the 1999-2001 biennium, the department of public instruction shall present a report to the budget section on the distribution of federal class size reduction initiative grants."

Page 7, replace lines 3 through 7 with:

"SECTION 27. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1034 does not become effective, Section 15-21-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-21-03. Appointment of ~~deputy~~ assistant - Clerks. The superintendent of public instruction may appoint a ~~deputy~~ assistant for whose official acts he is ~~responsible, and~~ an assistant whose duty it is to assist the superintendent of public instruction in visiting schools and institutes, to attend school officers' meetings, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him. The superintendent also may employ such clerks as are necessary in carrying on the work of the department.

SECTION 28. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-02-03 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by House Bill No. 1034, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-02-03. Appointment of ~~deputy~~ assistant - Employment of personnel. The superintendent of public instruction may appoint a ~~deputy superintendent and~~ an assistant. The superintendent may also hire personnel or contract with other persons to perform the work of the department of public instruction.

SECTION 29. AMENDMENT. Section 15-59-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-59-06. State cooperation in special education. Students with disabilities who are receiving special education services must be deemed to be regularly enrolled in the school district of residence and must be included in the determination of payments from the state foundation aid program whether or not the students regularly attend school in the school or school district receiving the payments. A prorated state foundation aid payment for a student to attend a public school program for students with disabilities, approved by the superintendent of public instruction, may be made if the individualized education program for the student is written during the last quarter of the school term and specifically requires that the student attend a summer special education program. In the case of a student who is enrolled in a nonpublic school but who attends a public school special education program, payments must be made to the appropriate public school district for the portion of a normal schoolday the student participates in special education. For the purposes of this section, a normal schoolday consists of six hours. The amount the school district is required to expend must be reduced proportionately if a student attends the school for less than an entire year. If any school district within a special education unit has a student with disabilities who, in the opinion of the student's multidisciplinary team, is unable to attend the public schools in the special education unit because of a disability, the school district shall contract with an in-state public school located outside the special education unit in which the student is a legal resident, if the school will accept the student and has proper services for the student's education. No school district may enter into a contract with any in-state public school for the education of any student because of a disability, unless the services provided by the school and the contract have been approved in advance by the superintendent of public instruction. The contract must provide that the school district agrees to pay to the in-state public school as part of the cost of educating the student an amount for the school year equal to two and one-half times the state average per student elementary or high school cost, depending upon the student's level of enrollment. The payment may not exceed the actual per student cost incurred by the in-state public school. The school district's liability must be reduced proportionately if the student attends the in-state public school for less than an entire year. The superintendent of public instruction, upon notification by the admitting district and upon verification by the superintendent that tuition payments are due the admitting district and are unpaid, shall withhold all payments from the state for foundation aid payments to the district of residence an amount equal to the unpaid tuition until the tuition due that amount has been paid. The transportation must be furnished as provided by rules of the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall reimburse school districts eighty percent of the remainder of the actual cost of educating the student with disabilities not covered by other payments or credits ~~must be paid from funds,~~ within the limits of legislative appropriations for that purpose.

SECTION 30. AMENDMENT. Section 15-59-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-59-06.2. Cost of special education - Liability of school district. If allowable costs for special education and related services for a child with disabilities in a special education program, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, exceed the reimbursement provided by the state, the school district is liable to pay for each such student an amount over the state reimbursement up to a maximum each school year of two and one-half times the state average per pupil per student elementary or high school cost, depending on whether the enrollment would be in a grade or high school department, and twenty percent of all remaining costs. The two and one-half times amount includes the amount the school district is required to pay in section 15-59-06. The state is liable for one hundred eighty percent of the remainder of the cost of education and related services for each such student with disabilities within the limits of legislative appropriations for that purpose.

SECTION 31. AMENDMENT. Section 15-59-07 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-59-07. Contracts for students with disabilities to attend private or out-of-state public schools. If any school district in this state has a student with disabilities who in the opinion of the student's multidisciplinary team is unable to attend the public schools in the district because of a physical or mental disability or because of a learning disability, the school district shall contract with any accredited private nonsectarian nonprofit corporation within or outside the state or an out-of-state public school which has proper facilities for the education of the student, if there is no public school in the state which has the necessary services and which will accept the student. No school district may enter a contract with any private nonsectarian nonprofit corporation or out-of-state public school for the education of any student having a physical or learning disability, unless the services provided by the school and the contract have been approved in advance by the superintendent of public instruction. The contract must provide that the school district agrees to pay to the private nonsectarian nonprofit corporation or the out-of-state public school as part of the cost of educating the student an amount for the school year equal to two and one-half times the state average per student elementary or high school cost, depending upon the student's level of enrollment and twenty percent of all remaining costs. The payment may not exceed the actual per student cost incurred by the private nonsectarian nonprofit corporation or out-of-state public school. The transportation must be furnished and reimbursed as provided by rules of the superintendent of public instruction. ~~The remainder of the actual cost of educating the student with disabilities not covered by other payments or credits must be paid from funds appropriated by the legislative assembly for special education notwithstanding limitations cited in section 15-59-06.~~ The superintendent of public instruction shall reimburse school districts eighty percent of the remainder of the actual cost of educating each student with disabilities not covered by other payments or credits within the limits of legislative appropriations for that purpose. The district of residence is entitled to the per student foundation payment.

SECTION 32. AMENDMENT. Section 44-03-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

44-03-01. Deputies may be appointed by certain officers. The secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, ~~superintendent of public instruction,~~ commissioner of insurance, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of labor, district assessor, and city assessor each may appoint a deputy for whose acts as such ~~he~~ the officer shall be responsible. Each officer required to give a bond may require a bond from any deputy appointed by ~~him~~ the officer. Any such bond must be in the penal sum of not more than half the penal sum of the appointing officer's own bond and may be retained by the officer for ~~his~~ the officer's own protection. Such appointment must be in writing and is revocable in writing at the pleasure of the principal, and such appointment and revocation must be filed as the bond and oath of the principal are filed.

SECTION 33. AMENDMENT. Section 54-44.1-12 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-44.1-12. Control over rate of expenditures. The director of the budget shall exercise continual control over the execution of the budget affecting the departments and agencies of state government, with the exception of the legislative and judicial branches. Execution means the analysis and approval of all commitments for conformity with the program provided in the budget, frequent comparison of actual revenues and budget estimates, and on the basis of these analyses and comparisons control the rate of expenditures through a system of allotments. The allotment must be made by specific fund and all departments and agencies that receive moneys from that fund must be allotted on a uniform percentage basis, except that appropriations to the department of public instruction for foundation aid, transportation aid, and special education aid may only be allotted to the extent that the allotment can be offset by transfers from the foundation aid stabilization fund. Before an allotment is made which

will reduce the amount of funds which can be disbursed pursuant to an appropriation or before an allotment disallowing a specific expenditure is made, the director shall find one or more of the following circumstances to exist:

1. The moneys and estimated revenues in a specific fund from which the appropriation is made are insufficient to meet all legislative appropriations from the fund.
2. The payment or the obligation incurred is not authorized by law.
3. The expenditure or obligation is contrary to legislative intent as recorded in any reliable legislative records, including:
 - a. Statements of legislative intent expressed in enacted appropriation measures or other measures enacted by the legislative assembly; and
 - b. Statements of purpose of amendment explaining amendments to enacted appropriation measures, as recorded in the journals of the legislative assembly.
4. Circumstances or availability of facts not previously known or foreseen by the legislative assembly which make possible the accomplishment of the purpose of the appropriation at a lesser amount than that appropriated."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 201 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMPARISON TO HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$11,825,653	\$11,706,777	(\$553,825)	\$11,152,952	\$10,977,979	\$174,973
Operating expenses	10,457,032	10,107,032	(297,312)	9,809,720	9,709,720	100,000
Equipment	591,036	591,036	(100,000)	491,036	491,036	
Grants - Foundation aid and transportation	475,906,259	481,006,259	(2,000,000)	479,006,259	479,006,259	
Grants - Revenue supplement	3,100,000	3,100,000		3,100,000	3,100,000	
Grants - Tuition apportionment	53,528,217	53,528,217		53,528,217	53,528,217	
Grants - Special education	44,600,000	44,600,000	2,000,000	46,600,000	46,100,000	500,000
Grants - Special education critical needs					500,000	(500,000)
Grants - Other grants	132,007,469	132,695,566	10,623,097	143,318,663	143,318,663	
Geographic education	50,000	50,000		50,000	50,000	
SENDIT network	546,669	546,669		546,669	546,669	
National board certification	<u>398,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	
Total all funds	\$733,010,335	\$737,951,556	\$9,671,960	\$747,623,516	\$747,348,543	\$274,973
Less special funds	<u>193,694,209</u>	<u>199,247,247</u>	<u>4,890,624</u>	<u>204,137,871</u>	<u>204,206,898</u>	<u>(69,027)</u>
General fund	\$539,316,126	\$538,704,309	\$4,781,336	\$543,485,645	\$543,141,645	\$344,000
FTE	137.95	137.95	(6.00)	131.95	129.95	2.00

Detail of Conference Committee changes to the Senate version:

	REMOVE POSITIONS	REDUCE OPERATING EXPENSES	REDUCE EQUIPMENT	REMOVE FUNDING FOR SALARY MARKET INCREASE FOR DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT	REDUCE TEMPORARY SALARIES	TRANSFER FUNDING FROM FOUNDATION AID TO TECHNOLOGY GRANTS
Salaries and wages	(\$501,973) ¹				(\$2,676) ⁴	
Operating expenses		(\$300,000) ²				
Equipment			(\$100,000) ³			
Grants - Foundation aid						(\$5,000,000) ⁶

and transportation						
Grants - Revenue supplement						5,000,000 ⁶
Grants - Tuition apportionment						
Grants - Special education						
Grants - Special education critical needs						
Grants - Other grants						
Geographic education						
SENDIT network						
National board certification						
Total all funds	(\$501,973)	(\$300,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$2,676)	(\$49,176)	\$0
Less special funds	(271,445)	(243,000)	(74,000)		(46,716)	
General fund	(\$230,528)	(\$57,000)	(\$26,000)	(\$2,676)	(\$2,460)	\$0
FTE	(6.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	INCREASE FOUNDATION AID	INCREASE SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS	ADD FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CLASS SIZE REDUCTION GRANTS	REDUCE OPERATING EXPENSES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TRACKING	INCREASE OPERATING EXPENSES FOR NAEP TESTING	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages						(\$553,825)
Operating expenses				(\$97,312) ¹⁰	\$100,000 ¹¹	(297,312)
Equipment						(100,000)
Grants - Foundation aid and transportation	\$3,000,000 ⁷					(2,000,000)
Grants - Revenue supplement						
Grants - Tuition apportionment						
Grants - Special education		\$2,000,000 ⁸				2,000,000
Grants - Special education critical needs						
Grants - Other grants			\$5,623,097 ⁹			10,623,097
Geographic education						
SENDIT network						
National board certification						
Total all funds	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,623,097	(\$97,312)	\$100,000	\$9,671,960
Less special funds			5,623,097	(97,312)		4,890,624
General fund	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$4,781,336
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(6.00)

Conference Committee changes narrative:

This amendment makes the following changes:

- Provides in Section 6 of the engrossed bill that the Educational Telecommunications Council may establish a minimum grant amount of \$5,000 and provides that for a school district to be eligible to receive a grant, the school district administrative office must be connected to the Internet.
- Removes Section 7, which provided legislative intent regarding the use of grants distributed by the Educational Telecommunications Council.
- Adds a new Section 17, which provides that prior to implementing any change in the credentialing process for special education teachers, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must obtain the approval of certain education-related groups.
- Adds a new Section 18, which directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop standardized reporting forms for the reporting of financial data.
- Adds a new Section 19, which directs the department to participate in the national assessment of educational progress (NAEP) testing program.
- Adds a new Section 20, which urges Congress and the President to provide funding for special education students equal to 40 percent of the national average educational expenditure per student.
- Adds a new Section 21, which directs the Board of University and School Lands to distribute all available trust fund income for the 1999-2001 biennium.

- Adds a new Section 22, which provides that the Legislative Council shall consider studying the Division of Independent Study during the 1999-2001 biennium.
- Adds a new Section 23, which provides that if the department transfers any FTE positions to the Division of Independent Study during the 1999-2001 biennium, the transfers must be reported to the Budget Section.
- Adds a new Section 24, which provides that the department shall present a report to the Budget Section on the distribution of federal class size reduction initiative grants.
- Amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Sections 15-21-03, 15.1-02-03, and 44-03-01 to remove statutory references to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Amends NDCC Sections 15-59-06, 15-59-06.2, and 15-59-07 to increase the amount school districts are liable to pay for extraordinary special education costs from 2.5 times the state average educational expenditure per student to 2.5 times the state average, plus 20 percent of any additional costs.
- Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-12 to provide that an executive budget allotment can only reduce legislative appropriations for foundation aid, transportation aid, and special education aid by the amount that the allotment can be offset by transfers from the foundation aid stabilization fund.
- Increases from \$10.5 million to \$11.5 million (Section 5 of the bill) the amount of the special education appropriation to be used for reimbursing districts for special education contract costs. This results in a corresponding \$500,000 decrease in the amount to be distributed on a per student basis pursuant to subsection 3 of Section 5. Section 5, as amended, provides that the \$46.6 million special education grants line item will be distributed as follows:
 - \$11.5 million for special education contract costs.
 - \$400,000 for gifted and talented programs.
 - \$34.7 million for per student special education payments.
- Removes Section 20 of the engrossed bill, which repealed Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2381. Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2381 provided a \$400,000 appropriation for payments to schools with students with limited English proficiency. The foundation aid line item of this bill contains the required \$400,000 appropriation for these payments.

¹ Removes the following FTE positions:

POSITION TITLE	POSITION NUMBER	FTE	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
Deputy superintendent	3100	1.00	\$122,816		\$122,816
Training officer I	3205	1.00		59,718	59,718
Assistant director	3401	1.00	107,712		107,712
Special education regional coordinator	3834	1.00		95,992	95,992
Teacher I	9999-2	1.00		67,449	67,449
Computer operator II	9999-3	<u>1.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>48,286</u>	<u>48,286</u>
Total		6.00	\$230,528	\$271,445	\$501,973

² Removes \$300,000 (\$57,000 from the general fund and \$243,000 from other funds) for operating expenses for travel (\$100,000) and professional services (\$200,000).

³ Removes \$100,000 for equipment (\$26,000 from the general fund and \$74,000 from other funds), reducing the line item from \$591,036 to \$491,036.

⁴ Removes general fund spending authority of \$2,676 added by the Senate for a salary market increase for the deputy superintendent position. This amendment removes the deputy superintendent position.

- 5 Reduces salaries and wages by \$49,176 (\$2,460 from the general fund, \$46,716 from other funds) for temporary salaries, reducing the total amount for temporary salaries from \$319,176 to \$270,000.
- 6 Transfers \$5 million of general fund appropriation authority from the foundation aid line item to the other grants line item to restore the \$6 million included in the executive recommendation for grants to schools for technology or teacher professional development.
- 7 Increases the foundation aid line item by \$3 million.
- 8 Increases funding for special education grants by \$2 million.
- 9 Increases the other grants line item by \$5,623,097 to reflect federal funds anticipated to be available for grants to schools to reduce class size.
- 10 Reduces the operating expenses line item by \$97,312 to reflect an anticipated reduction in federal funds available for the early childhood tracking program. The total amount provided for the program is reduced from \$847,312 to \$750,000.
- 11 Increases the operating expenses line item by \$100,000 from the general fund for the national assessment of educational progress (NAEP) testing program.

DEPARTMENT 252 - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Conference Committee - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMPARISON TO HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,347,330	\$4,275,930		\$4,275,930	\$4,275,930	
Operating expenses	1,015,458	1,015,458		1,015,458	1,015,458	
Equipment	39,224	74,824		74,824	74,824	
Capital improvements	<u>136,327</u>	<u>136,327</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>36,327</u>	<u>36,327</u>	
Total all funds	\$5,538,339	\$5,502,539	(\$100,000)	\$5,402,539	\$5,402,539	\$0
Less special funds	<u>658,177</u>	<u>657,369</u>	<u>63,534</u>	<u>720,903</u>	<u>657,369</u>	<u>63,534</u>
General fund	\$4,880,162	\$4,845,170	(\$163,534)	\$4,681,636	\$4,745,170	(\$63,534)
FTE	53.93	53.93	0.00	53.93	53.93	0.00

Detail of Conference Committee changes to the Senate version includes:

	REMOVE FUNDING FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING COTTAGE	INCREASE LAND DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			
Operating expenses			
Equipment			
Capital improvements	<u>(\$100,000)</u>		<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Total all funds	(\$100,000)	\$0	(\$100,000)
Less special funds		<u>63,534</u>	<u>63,534</u>
General fund	(\$100,000)	(\$63,534)	(\$163,534)

DEPARTMENT 253 - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Conference Committee - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMPARISON TO HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$2,415,801	\$2,391,456		\$2,391,456	\$2,391,456	

Operating expenses	678,059	678,059		678,059	678,059	
Equipment	70,500	70,500		70,500	70,500	
Capital improvements	<u>51,790</u>	<u>51,790</u>		<u>51,790</u>	<u>51,790</u>	
Total all funds	\$3,216,150	\$3,191,805	\$0	\$3,191,805	\$3,191,805	\$0
Less special funds	<u>863,400</u>	<u>863,400</u>	<u>139,177</u>	<u>1,002,577</u>	<u>950,276</u>	<u>52,301</u>
General fund	\$2,352,750	\$2,328,405	(\$139,177)	\$2,189,228	\$2,241,529	(\$52,301)
FTE	28.00	28.00	0.00	28.00	28.00	0.00

Detail of Conference Committee changes to the Senate version includes:

	FUNDING SOURCE CHANGE	INCREASE LAND DEPARTMENT DISTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			
Operating expenses			
Equipment			
Capital improvements			
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less special funds	<u>86,876</u> ¹	<u>52,301</u>	<u>139,177</u>
General fund	(\$86,876) ¹	(\$52,301)	(\$139,177)

Conference Committee changes narrative:

¹ Increases other funds spending authority and decreases general fund spending authority by \$86,876 anticipated to be available from the School for the Blind fund. The funding source changes includes the following:

- \$34,076 for operating expenses.
- \$52,800 for temporary salaries relating to the compensatory skills training program.