

SENATE BILL NO. 2354

Introduced by

Senators Flakoll, Andrist, Erbele, Urlacher

Representatives D. Johnson, Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide reimbursements to public schools and school districts purchasing
2 certain foods grown in this state for use in school lunch programs; and to provide an
3 appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Preferred vendors - Purchase of food - Reimbursement of public**
6 **schools and school districts.**

- 7 1. The agriculture commissioner shall compile a list of preferred vendors that are able
8 and willing to sell to public schools and school districts in this state edible beans,
9 meat, potatoes, and wheat flour that have been:
- 10 a. Grown in this state; and
11 b. (1) Processed in this state; or
12 (2) Prepared in this state for sale.
- 13 2. Each public school or school district purchasing food for use in a school lunch
14 program through a bidding process shall notify all bidders that the school or school
15 district intends to give preference to those vendors on the list compiled by the
16 agriculture commissioner under subsection 1.
- 17 3. If a public school or school district in this state submits its receipts for purchases of
18 products described in subsection 1 from preferred vendors to the superintendent of
19 public instruction on or before June 15 of each school year, the superintendent of
20 public instruction shall provide reimbursement for the purchases.
- 21 4. No public school or school district is entitled to annually receive more than twenty
22 dollars multiplied by the number of students in active daily participation in the
23 public school's or school district's lunch program, as reimbursements under this
24 Act.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
2 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,800,000, or so
3 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the
4 purpose of reimbursing public schools and school districts that purchase certain foods grown in
5 this state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.