

HOUSE BILL NO. 1178

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, Damschen

Senator Olafson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 33 of chapter 167 of the 2005 Session Laws,
2 relating to the payment of school district reorganization bonuses; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 33 of chapter 167 of the 2005 Session Laws is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - REORGANIZATION BONUSES - CONTINGENCY.**

7 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
8 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$759,000, or so much of the sum as may
9 be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of
10 providing a reorganization bonus to any school district having a reorganization
11 effective on July 1, 2005, pursuant to section 15.1-12-11.1, for the biennium
12 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.

13 2. a. If any moneys remain after the superintendent of public instruction completes
14 the payment of bonuses ~~for any reorganization effective on July 1, 2005 as~~
15 required by subsection 1, the superintendent shall provide a reorganization
16 bonus to any other school district that reorganized on July 1, 2005. The total
17 reorganization bonus to which a newly reorganized district is entitled under
18 this subsection consists of:

19 (1) Fifty thousand dollars per one hundred-square-mile
20 [259-square-kilometer] block, or a major portion thereof, included within
21 the reorganized district and calculated by determining the lesser of the
22 total square miles [kilometers] of the reorganized district or one
23 thousand four hundred square miles [3625.98 square kilometers], and

1 subtracting from that amount the square miles [kilometers] of the largest
2 district or portion of a district involved in the reorganization;

3 (2) One thousand dollars per student calculated by determining the lesser
4 of the total fall enrollment of the newly reorganized district or seven
5 hundred fifty and subtracting from that amount the fall enrollment in the
6 district or portion of the district that had the largest student population of
7 those districts or portions of districts participating in the reorganization
8 during the school year immediately preceding the effective date of the
9 reorganization; and

10 (3) Fifty thousand dollars for each whole school district that formed the
11 reorganized district.

12 b. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute any reorganization
13 bonus under this subsection on the effective date of this Act.

14 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall use ~~the~~ any remaining moneys to
15 provide additional per student payments on a prorated basis, according to the
16 latest available average daily membership of each school district.

17 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.