

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1168**

Introduced by

Representatives Pollert, Brandenburg, Kelsh, J. Nelson

Senators Dotzenrod, Klein, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for school district declining enrollment grants.

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

3 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
4 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$8,000,000, or so much of the  
5 sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of  
6 providing a grant to any school district that can demonstrate declining enrollment, for the  
7 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

8 1. A district is eligible to receive a grant under this section if the number of students  
9 reflected in the district's September tenth enrollment report:

10 a. Is less than the number of students in average daily membership by at least ten;  
11 and

12 b. Represents a decrease in students equal to at least two percent.

13 2. In order to calculate the amount to which an eligible district is entitled, the  
14 superintendent of public instruction shall multiply the number of students by which the  
15 district declined by \$3,500.

16 3. If the amount of the appropriation provided for in this section is insufficient to meet the  
17 obligations of this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall prorate the  
18 payment based on the percentage of the total amount to which each school district is  
19 entitled.

20 4. The superintendent of public instruction may not expend more than \$4,000,000 in  
21 grants under this section during the first year of the biennium.

22 5. Any district that experiences a reduction in state aid as a result of section 15.1-27-35.3  
23 is not eligible to receive a grant under this section.