

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 for~~  
2 an Act to provide for a legislative management study.

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

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

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

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

13 ~~— b. Represents a decrease in students equal to at least two percent.~~

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

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

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

23 ~~— 5. Any district that experiences a reduction in state aid as a result of section 15.1-27-~~  
24 ~~35.3 is not eligible to receive a grant under this section.~~

1 |     **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** The legislative management shall  
2 | consider studying, during the 2015-16 interim, provisions of the North Dakota Century Code that  
3 | relate to education, for the purposes of determining the requirements for school districts to  
4 | demonstrate a decline in enrollment. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
5 | recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
6 | the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.