

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1186

Page 1, line 2, after "fund" insert "; to provide an appropriation"

Page 2, line 28, overstrike "and"

Page 2, line 29, after "year" insert "and"

- d. A district with a current school construction loan secured on the open bond market may refinance that loan when callable into the school construction assistance revolving loan fund"

Page 3, after line 8, insert:

**"SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
- SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$40,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing school construction grants under this section, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2025.
2. The department of public instruction shall administer the school construction grant program and award grants based on recommendations of the school construction grant committee.
3. A four-member committee consisting of the senate majority leader or designee, senate appropriations committee chair or designee, house majority leader or designee, and house appropriations committee chair or designee shall be the appointing committee to appoint certain members of the school construction grant committee and to establish grant guidelines.
4. The school construction grant committee consists of the following members:
  - a. The superintendent of public instruction or designee;
  - b. The executive director of the department of career and technical education or designee;
  - c. A member nominated by North Dakota association of school administrators representing a school district with more than five hundred enrolled students;
  - d. A member nominated by the North Dakota association of school administrators representing a school district with less than five hundred enrolled students;
  - e. A member nominated by the North Dakota school boards association;  
and

- f. Two members of the legislative assembly selected by the appointing committee.
3. The North Dakota association of school administrators and North Dakota school boards association shall provide the appointment committee with three nominations of eligible candidates to serve in each grant committee position representing their organization. The appointing committee shall appoint one nominee representing each of the public school positions to serve on the school construction grant committee.
4. The school construction grant committee shall consider grant applications for approval based on a prioritization system that includes applications filed during the period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024. The prioritization system must consider:
  - a. Student occupancy and academic needs in the district;
  - b. The age of existing structures to be replaced or remodeled;
  - c. Building design proposals that are based on safety and vulnerability assessments;
  - d. Community support;
  - e. Cost; and
  - f. Any other criteria established by the school construction grant committee after consultation with the appointing committee.
5. A grant awarded to a school district under this section may not exceed \$5,000,000."

Renumber accordingly