

HOUSE BILL NO. 1100

Introduced by

Representatives Jonas, Longmuir, Murphy, Pyle, Richter

Senator Roers

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an exemption to continue free school meal funding for delinquent
2 meal debt and to provide for a legislative management report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - GRANTS FOR**
5 **FREE MEALS - DELINQUENT MEAL DEBT - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The
6 sum of \$6,000,000 from the general fund appropriated to the department of public instruction for
7 grants for free meals in section 17 of chapter 173 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to
8 section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1,
9 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The superintendent of public instruction shall use the funding
10 continued into the 2025-27 biennium to provide grants to reimburse school districts for
11 delinquent meal debt. Grant funds must be provided to each school district based on the
12 district's prorated share of total statewide delinquent meal debt as of June 30, 2025, not to
13 exceed the school district's actual amount of delinquent meal debt as of June 30, 2025. The
14 superintendent of public instruction shall report to legislative management regarding the funding
15 continued, total delinquent meal debt by school district, and delinquent meal debt grant funding
16 provided to each school district.