

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

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