

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1381

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Grueneich, Kempenich, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Bekkedahl, Erbele, Wanzek, Patten

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the determination of state aid.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-27-04.1. Baseline funding - Establishment - Determination of state aid. (Effective-**
7 **through June 30, 2025) (Retroactive application -- [See note](#))**

- 8 1. ~~To determine the amount of state aid payable to each district, the superintendent of~~
9 ~~public instruction shall establish each district's baseline funding. A district's baseline~~
10 ~~funding consists of:~~
- 11 a. ~~All state aid received by the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27 during the~~
12 ~~2018-19 school year;~~
 - 13 b. ~~An amount equal to the property tax deducted by the superintendent of public~~
14 ~~instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment;~~
 - 15 c. ~~An amount equal to seventy-five percent of the revenue received by the school~~
16 ~~district during the 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:~~
 - 17 (1) ~~Revenue reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district~~
18 ~~financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the~~
19 ~~superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08;~~
 - 20 (2) ~~Mineral revenue received by the school district through direct allocation from~~
21 ~~the state treasurer and not reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota~~

- 1 school-district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by
2 the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section
3 15.1-02-08;
- 4 (3) Tuition reported under code 1300 of the North Dakota school-district
5 financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
6 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08,
7 with the exception of revenue received specifically for the operation of an
8 educational program provided at a residential treatment facility, tuition
9 received for the provision of an adult farm management program, and
10 beginning in the 2021-22 school year, seventeen percent of tuition received
11 under an agreement to educate students from a school-district on an
12 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid, and an
13 additional seventeen percent of tuition received under an agreement to
14 educate students from a school-district on an air force base with funding
15 received through federal impact aid each school year thereafter, until the
16 2024-25 school year when sixty-eight percent of tuition received under an
17 agreement to educate students from a school-district on an air force base
18 with funding received through federal impact aid must be excluded from the
19 tuition calculation under this paragraph;
- 20 (4) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on the distribution and transmission
21 of electric power;
- 22 (5) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on electricity generated from
23 sources other than coal; and
- 24 (6) Revenue from the leasing of land acquired by the United States for which
25 compensation is allocated to the state under 33 U.S.C. 701(c)(3);
- 26 d. An amount equal to the total revenue received by the school-district during the
27 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
- 28 (1) Mobile-home tax revenue;
- 29 (2) Telecommunications tax revenue; and
- 30 (3) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of the
31 homestead credit and disabled veterans credit; and

1 e. ~~Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall reduce the~~
2 ~~baseline funding for any school district that becomes an elementary district~~
3 ~~pursuant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2012-13 school year. The reduction must~~
4 ~~be proportional to the number of weighted student units in the grades that are~~
5 ~~offered through another school district relative to the total number of weighted~~
6 ~~student units the school district offered in the year before the school district~~
7 ~~became an elementary district. The reduced baseline funding applies to the~~
8 ~~calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the school district~~
9 ~~becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter. For districts that~~
10 ~~become an elementary district prior to the 2020-21 school year, the~~
11 ~~superintendent shall use the reduced baseline funding to calculate state aid for~~
12 ~~the 2020-21 school year and for each year thereafter.~~

13 2. a. ~~The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in~~
14 ~~subsection 1 by the district's 2017-18 weighted student units to determine the~~
15 ~~district's baseline funding per weighted student unit.~~

16 b. ~~For any school district that becomes an elementary district pursuant to section~~
17 ~~15.1-07-27 after the 2017-18 school year, the superintendent shall adjust the~~
18 ~~district's baseline funding per weighted student unit used to calculate state aid.~~
19 ~~The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in~~
20 ~~subsection 1 by the district's weighted student units after the school district~~
21 ~~becomes an elementary district to determine the district's adjusted baseline~~
22 ~~funding per weighted student unit. The superintendent shall use the district's~~
23 ~~adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit in the calculation of state aid~~
24 ~~for the first school year in which the school district becomes an elementary~~
25 ~~district and for each year thereafter.~~

26 e. ~~Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and for each school year thereafter, the~~
27 ~~superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student~~
28 ~~unit. Each year the superintendent shall calculate the amount by which the~~
29 ~~district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the payment per~~
30 ~~weighted student unit provided in subsection 3. For the 2023-24 school year the~~
31 ~~superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student~~

1 unit by forty percent of the amount by which the district's baseline funding per
2 weighted student unit exceeds the payment per weighted student unit for the
3 2023-24 school year. For each year thereafter, the reduction percentage is
4 increased by an additional fifteen percent. However, the district's baseline funding
5 per weighted student unit, after the reduction, may not be less than the payment
6 per weighted student unit provided in subsection 3.

7 3. a. For the 2023-24 school year, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as the
8 greater of:

9 (1) The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand six hundred
10 forty-six dollars;

11 (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
12 student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's
13 weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline
14 weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the
15 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand
16 six hundred forty-six dollars; or

17 (3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
18 amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by forty percent and
19 then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.

20 b. For the 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter, the superintendent
21 shall calculate state aid as the greater of:

22 (1) The district's weighted student units multiplied by eleven thousand
23 seventy-two dollars;

24 (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
25 student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's
26 weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline
27 weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the
28 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by eleven thousand
29 seventy-two dollars; or

30 (3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
31 amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by fifty-five percent for

1 the 2024-25 school year and the reduction percentage increasing by fifteen-
2 percent each school year thereafter until the difference is reduced to zero,
3 and then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.

4 4. After determining the product in accordance with subsection 3, the superintendent of
5 public instruction shall:

6 a. Subtract an amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of the
7 school district, except the amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of this
8 subdivision may not exceed the previous year's amount in dollars subtracted for
9 purposes of this subdivision by more than twelve percent, adjusted pursuant to
10 section 15.1-27-04.3; and

11 b. Subtract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed in
12 subdivisions c and d of subsection 1. Before determining the deduction for
13 seventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public instruction
14 shall adjust revenues as follows:

15 (1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:

16 (a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for the
17 operation of an educational program provided at a residential
18 treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an adult
19 farm management program, tuition received for the education of
20 high-cost and special education students, and tuition received under
21 an agreement to educate students from a school district on an
22 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid as
23 directed each school year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of
24 subsection 1, the superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce
25 the total tuition reported by the school district by the amount of tuition
26 revenue received for the education of students not residing in the
27 state and for which the state has not entered a cross-border education
28 contract; and

29 (b) The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total
30 tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements
31 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount

1 of tuition revenue received for the education of students residing in an
2 adjacent school district.

3 (2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the
4 superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types
5 by the percentage of mills levied in 2022 by the school district for sinking
6 and interest relative to the total mills levied in 2022 by the school district for
7 all purposes.

8 5. The amount remaining after the computation required under subsection 4 is the
9 amount of state aid to which a school district is entitled, subject to any other statutory
10 requirements or limitations.

11 6. On or before June thirtieth of each year, the school board shall certify to the
12 superintendent of public instruction the final average daily membership for the current
13 school year.

14 7. For purposes of the calculation in subsection 4, each county auditor, in collaboration
15 with the school districts, shall report the following to the superintendent of public
16 instruction on an annual basis:

17 a. The amount of revenue received by each school district in the county during the
18 previous school year for each type of revenue identified in subdivisions c and d of
19 subsection 1;

20 b. The total number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school
21 district for all purposes; and

22 c. The number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school district
23 for sinking and interest fund purposes.

24 **Baseline funding – Establishment – Determination of state aid. (Effective after**
25 **June 30, 2025)**

26 1. To determine the amount of state aid payable to each district, the superintendent of
27 public instruction shall establish each district's baseline funding. A district's baseline
28 funding consists of:

29 a. All state aid received by the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27 during the
30 2018-19 school year;

- 1 b. An amount equal to the property tax deducted by the superintendent of public
2 instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment;
- 3 c. An amount equal to seventy-five percent of the revenue received by the school
4 district during the 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
- 5 (1) Revenue reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district
6 financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
7 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08;
- 8 (2) Mineral revenue received by the school district through direct allocation from
9 the state treasurer and not reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota
10 school district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by
11 the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section
12 15.1-02-08;
- 13 (3) Tuition reported under code 1300 of the North Dakota school district
14 financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
15 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08,
16 with the exception of revenue received specifically for the operation of an
17 educational program provided at a residential treatment facility, tuition
18 received for the provision of an adult farm management program, and
19 beginning in the 2025-26 school year, eighty-five percent of tuition received
20 under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an
21 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid, until the
22 2026-27 school year, and each school year thereafter, when all tuition
23 received under an agreement to educate students from a school district on
24 an air force base with funding received through federal impact aid must be
25 excluded from the tuition calculation under this paragraph;
- 26 (4) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on the distribution and transmission
27 of electric power;
- 28 (5) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on electricity generated from
29 sources other than coal; and
- 30 (6) Revenue from the leasing of land acquired by the United States for which
31 compensation is allocated to the state under 33 U.S.C. 701(c)(3); and

- 1 d. An amount equal to the total revenue received by the school district during the
2 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
- 3 (1) Mobile home tax revenue;
- 4 (2) Telecommunications tax revenue; and
- 5 (3) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of the
6 homestead credit and disabled veterans credit; and
- 7 e. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall reduce the
8 baseline funding for any school district that becomes an elementary district
9 pursuant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2012-13 school year. The reduction must
10 be proportional to the number of weighted student units in the grades that are
11 offered through another school district relative to the total number of weighted
12 student units the school district offered in the year before the school district
13 became an elementary district. The reduced baseline funding applies to the
14 calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the school district
15 becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter. For districts that
16 become an elementary district prior to the 2020-21 school year, the
17 superintendent shall use the reduced baseline funding to calculate state aid for
18 the 2020-21 school year and for each year thereafter.
- 19 2. a. The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
20 subsection 1 by the district's 2017-18 weighted student units to determine the
21 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit.
- 22 b. For any school district that becomes an elementary district pursuant to section
23 15.1-07-27 after the 2017-18 school year, the superintendent shall adjust the
24 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit used to calculate state aid.
25 The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
26 subsection 1 by the district's weighted student units after the school district
27 becomes an elementary district to determine the district's adjusted baseline
28 funding per weighted student unit. The superintendent shall use the district's
29 adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit in the calculation of state aid
30 for the first school year in which the school district becomes an elementary
31 district and for each year thereafter.

- 1 c. Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and for each school year thereafter, the
2 superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student
3 unit. Each year the superintendent shall calculate the amount by which the
4 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the payment per
5 weighted student unit provided in subsection 3. For the 2023-24 school year the
6 superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student
7 unit by forty percent of the amount by which the district's baseline funding per
8 weighted student unit exceeds the payment per weighted student unit for the
9 2023-24 school year. For each year thereafter, the reduction percentage is
10 increased by an additional fifteen percent. However, the district's baseline funding
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14 greater of:
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16 forty-six dollars;
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18 student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's
19 weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline
20 weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the
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31 student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's

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8 percent each school year thereafter until the difference is reduced to zero,
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11 public instruction shall:
- 12 a. Subtract an amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of the
13 school district; and
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2 tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements
3 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount
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5 adjacent school district.
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7 superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types
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24 district for all purposes; and
- 25 c. The number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school district
26 for sinking and interest fund purposes.