

Introduced by

Senator Davison

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction for choice  
2 ready grants to school districts.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - CHOICE**  
5 **READY GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
7 necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing competitive  
8 choice ready grants to school districts to assist high school students in meeting the  
9 requirements of the state's choice ready framework, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,  
10 and ending June 30, 2027. The state's choice ready framework must align to the state's  
11 prekindergarten through grade twelve strategic vision that all students will graduate with the  
12 knowledge, skills, and disposition needed to be successful. The department of public instruction  
13 shall create an application and develop selection criteria for grant awards. To be eligible for a  
14 choice ready grant, school districts shall complete a grant application and include information  
15 regarding how grant funds will provide opportunities for students to acquire essential skills and  
16 meet the postsecondary ready, workforce ready, or military ready pathway requirements of the  
17 choice ready framework. School districts may not use choice ready grant funds for general  
18 supplies or equipment. Grant funds must be used to provide students with experiences to  
19 ensure success after high school.