

Introduced by

Representative Dressler

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction to provide
2 school meals at no cost to eligible students; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - GRANTS**

5 **FOR SCHOOL MEALS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
6 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$7,000,000, or so much of the sum as
7 may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing grants to
8 school districts to defray the expenses of providing school meals during the 2026-27 school
9 year at no cost to students enrolled in public or nonpublic school whose household income does
10 not exceed three hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines, for the biennium beginning
11 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

12 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2026.