

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-15-14.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to an educational technology acquisition levy; and to provide a contingent appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-14.5 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **57-15-14.5. ~~Long-distance learning and educational~~ Educational technology**
7 **acquisition levy - ~~Voter approval~~ Board resolution.**

- 8 1. ~~The school board of a public school district may, upon approval by a majority vote~~
9 ~~of the qualified electors of the school district voting on the question at any regular~~
10 ~~or special election, dedicate a tax levy for purposes of this section not to exceed by~~
11 ~~resolution, levy a tax of up to five mills on the dollar of taxable valuation of property~~
12 ~~within the district for the purpose of educational technology acquisition.~~
- 13 2. ~~All revenue accruing from the levy under this section must be used only for~~
14 ~~purposes of establishing and maintaining long distance learning and purchasing~~
15 ~~and maintaining educational technology.~~ For purposes of this section, educational
16 technology includes computer software, computers and computer networks, other
17 computerized equipment, which must be used for student instruction, and the
18 salary of a staff person to supervise the use and maintenance of educational
19 technology.
- 20 3. If the need for the ~~fund~~ levy terminates, the ~~governing board of the public school~~
21 ~~district~~ shall order the termination of the levy and shall transfer the remaining
22 balance to the general fund of the school district.

23 **SECTION 2. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION.** If \$7,000,000 or more of any funds
24 appropriated to the grants-foundation aid program for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and

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1 ending June 30, 1999, are unspent as of June 30, 1999, there is hereby appropriated out of any
2 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
3 \$7,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public
4 instruction for the purpose of awarding matching grants to school districts for educational
5 technology acquisitions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001. A
6 school district may meet the matching requirements of this section with moneys in its general
7 fund or with moneys raised on or before June 30, 1999, from the long-distance learning and
8 educational technology levy provided for by section 57-15-14.5 as that section existed on
9 June 30, 1999.