

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1209

Introduced by

Representatives Aarsvold, Belter, Wardner

Senators G. Nelson, Robinson, Kelsh

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-40.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to per student payments for newly cooperating and reorganized school
3 districts; to amend and reenact sections 15-40.1-07.3 and 15-40.1-07.4 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code, relating to per student payments for reorganized and cooperating school
5 districts; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-40.1-07.3 of the 1995 Supplement to the
8 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **15-40.1-07.3. ~~High school per student~~ Per student payments - Reorganization of**
10 **school districts.**

- 11 1. ~~If Except as provided in section 3 of this Act, if~~ any school district receiving per
12 student payments calculated under section 15-40.1-07 reorganizes with another
13 school district under chapter 15-27.3 or 15-27.6, the school district resulting from
14 the reorganization is entitled to receive the same ~~per pupil~~ per student payments
15 for each ~~high school pupil student~~ as each separate school district received for
16 each ~~high school pupil student~~ prior to the reorganization, for a period of four
17 years.
- 18 2. The weighting factor for each district will be adjusted proportionately over a period
19 of two years, following the period of time provided in subsection 1, until the
20 adjusted weighting factor equals the weighting factor for the combined enrollment
21 resulting from the reorganization.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-40.1-07.4 of the North Dakota Century Code
23 is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15-40.1-07.4. ~~High school per student~~ Per student payments - Cooperating**

2 **districts.** If any school district receiving payments under section 15-40.1-07 cooperates with
3 another school district for the joint provision of education services under a plan approved by the
4 superintendent of public instruction, each cooperating district is entitled to receive, for a period
5 of four years, at least the same per student payment for each ~~high school~~ student as the district
6 received prior to initiation of the cooperative plan.

7 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 15-40.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 **Per student payments - Exceptions.** School districts, which on or after July 1, 1997,
10 enter into a cooperative agreement for the joint provision of education services under a plan
11 approved by the superintendent of public instruction and subsequently reorganize under
12 chapter 15-27.3 or 15-27.6, are entitled to receive the same per student payment as each
13 separate school district received prior to entering into the cooperative agreement for a period of
14 two years.

15 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 1997.

16 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.