

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1540**

Introduced by

Representatives Vigesaa, Boe, Kerzman

Senators Andrist, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 50-01.2-03.2 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the funding of economic assistance programs in counties with  
3 federally recognized Indian reservation land.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 50-01.2-03.2 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the department shall reimburse county  
8 social service boards for expenses of locally administered economic assistance  
9 programs in counties ~~in which more than twenty percent of the caseload for these~~  
10 ~~programs consists of people who reside on a~~ that contain federally recognized  
11 Indian reservation or property tax-exempt tribal trust lands. The reimbursement  
12 must be such that:

13 a. An affected county's ~~expenses~~ actual direct costs and indirect costs allocated  
14 based on a percentage of each county's direct economic assistance and  
15 social services for locally administered economic assistance programs ~~in~~  
16 ~~excess of the statewide average of such costs, expressed in mills, for all other~~  
17 ~~counties~~ will be reimbursed at ~~one hundred percent~~ the percentage of that  
18 county's average total food stamp caseload for the previous quarter which  
19 reside on federally recognized Indian reservation land;

20 b. Each calendar year the affected counties will receive quarterly allocations  
21 based on the actual county ~~expenses~~ direct and indirect costs, as provided in  
22 subdivision a, for the ~~state fiscal year ending the previous June thirtieth and~~  
23 ~~the most recent taxable valuations published pursuant to section 57-13-07~~  
24 ~~available on that date~~ quarter; and

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- 1                   c.    The reimbursement will be calculated for each county and ~~reported~~ made to  
2                   the county social service board ~~prior to August first of the year preceding the~~  
3                   ~~allocation~~ within six weeks after the quarter for which the reimbursement is  
4                   due.