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State Superintendent****To: Education Funding and Taxation Committee****From: Connie Mittleider, Director, Teacher and School Effectiveness****Date: October 18, 2012****Re: Senate Bill No. 2150, Section 42**

Grades 6 – 8 Alternative Education Program

For the 2012-13 school year, thirteen school districts were awarded a grant to implement an alternative education program for students in grades 6 – 8. Grant criteria required each student be enrolled in the alternative education program for a minimum of 15 hours per week.

The per-student monetary award under the grant is calculated by multiplying a factor of 0.15 times the per student rate of \$3,980. The result is an award of \$597 for each student enrolled in the alternative education program for the 2012-13 school year.

The names of districts participating in the program, the number of anticipated enrolled students, and the total dollar amount distributed to each respective district for the 2012-13 school year are provided below.

<u>District</u>	<u>Number of students</u>	<u>Total Dollar Amount</u>
Beulah	5	\$ 2,985
Bismarck	25	\$ 14,925
Devils Lake	12	\$ 7,164
Dickinson	20	\$ 11,940
Fargo	30	\$ 17,910
Grafton	10	\$ 5,970
Grand Forks	15	\$ 8,955
Jamestown	4	\$ 2,388
Mandan	40	\$ 23,880
New Town	20	\$ 11,940
Warwick	20	\$ 11,940
West Fargo	12	\$ 7,164
Williston	<u>15</u>	<u>\$ 8,955</u>
Total	228	\$136,116

Each district provided an estimate of the number of students who would be enrolled in an alternative program in grades 6 – 8 during the 2012-13 school year. The number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School lunch Act will not be known until the end of the 2012-13 school year. Based on previous enrollment in an alternative education program in grades 6 – 8, it is estimated the percentage of students qualifying in the category will be approximately 50%.

The actual number of hours each student will spend in an alternative education program will not be known until the end of the 2012-13 school year. The grant requires a minimum of 15 hours per week of enrollment per student.

The quantification of student academic accomplishments due to enrollment in a grade 6 – 8 alternative program and the resulting reduction in enrollment in an alternative high school may not be known until the program is in effect for a number of years.