

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for school district safety and deferred maintenance
2 grants.

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

4 **SECTION 1. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY AND**
5 **DEFERRED MAINTENANCE GRANTS.**

6 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
7 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of awarding to
9 eligible school districts safety and deferred maintenance grants, in accordance with
10 the provisions of this section, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending
11 June 30, 2015.

12 2. If the office of management and budget determines by April 30, 2014, that the
13 June 30, 2014, ending balance of the state general fund will be more than
14 \$30,000,000 in excess of the amount predicted by the office of management and
15 budget at the conclusion of the 2013 legislative session, the superintendent of public
16 instruction shall forward to each eligible school district:

17 a. ~~Twenty~~Twenty-five thousand dollars; plus

18 b. The school district's pro rata share of the remaining appropriation, calculated by
19 using the latest available average daily membership of each school district.

20 3. If the general fund balance requirements of subsection 2 are not met and if the office
21 of management and budget determines by April 30, 2015, that the June 30, 2015,
22 ending balance of the state general fund will be more than \$30,000,000 in excess of
23 the amount predicted by the office of management and budget at the conclusion of the

1 2013 legislative session, the superintendent of public instruction shall forward to each
2 eligible school district:

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4 b. The school district's pro rata share of the remaining appropriation, calculated by
5 using the latest available average daily membership of each school district.

6 4. a. Each school district accepting funds under this section shall expend at least fifty
7 percent of the funds for safety. Any remaining funds may be dedicated to
8 deferred maintenance.

9 b. By June 30, 2016, each school district shall:

10 (1) Submit to the superintendent of public instruction documentation indicating
11 the appropriate expenditure of the funds; or

12 (2) Return the funds to the superintendent of public instruction for deposit in the
13 state general fund.

14 c. Authorized expenditures for safety include the purchase, installation, and
15 maintenance of alarms, cameras, electronic door locks, emergency response call
16 buttons, intercom systems, key or pass cards, metal detectors, and other similar
17 equipment designed to minimize the potential for a life-threatening crisis and to
18 maximize the safety of school district students and staff in the event of a life-
19 threatening crisis. Authorized expenditures for safety do not include personnel
20 costs or contracts for the provision of security services.

21 5. For purposes of this section, an eligible school district is a school district that:

22 a. ~~Has a general fund levy equal to at least one hundred fifty mills, before any~~
23 ~~reduction for property tax allocations under chapter 57-64;~~

24 ~~b.~~ Is not precluded from receiving state aid by section 15.1-27-35.3; and

25 ~~e.b.~~ Provides an equal monetary match for any amount received under this section.