

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for early childhood education grants.

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

3 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
4 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$4,683,000, or so much of the  
5 sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of  
6 providing annual early childhood education grants to eligible school districts, for the biennium  
7 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

8 1. Any school district offering a program of early childhood education, approved in  
9 accordance with section 15.1-37-01, is eligible to receive a grant under this section.

10 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide for an annual application process  
11 and shall select award recipients. The selection process must take into account the  
12 geographic distribution of recipients, the district's service area, the general economic  
13 circumstances within the service area, and the district's current or anticipated financial  
14 commitment to providing early childhood education.

15 3. A school district may not receive more than \$100,000 annually under this section.

16 4. As a condition of receiving an early childhood education grant, a school district shall  
17 commit to maintaining a full-time equivalent student-teacher ratio of ten-to-one or  
18 sixteen-to-one if the teacher is assisted by a full-time classroom aid.

19 5. As a condition of receiving an early childhood education grant, a school district shall  
20 commit to utilizing the PowerSchool information system and to providing data to the  
21 superintendent of public instruction at the time and in the manner requested by the  
22 superintendent.

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- 1           6.    The superintendent of public instruction shall monitor the grant recipients, compile
- 2                    data regarding the recipients' provision of early childhood education, and report any
- 3                    findings and recommendations to the legislative management.