

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2316

Introduced by

Senators Campbell, Anderson, Luick

Representatives Monson, Paur, Trottier

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a grant program to political subdivisions for the settlement of  
2 claims; to provide an appropriation; and to provide retroactive application.

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

4 **SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.** During the 2015-17  
5 biennium, the office of management and budget shall administer a grant program to political  
6 subdivisions that apply for funding for the settlement of claims that are a result of this Act. Under  
7 section 32-12.1-03, the liability limit of five hundred thousand dollars for injury to three or more  
8 persons during any single occurrence does not apply to a political subdivision for an occurrence  
9 on January 5, 2015, to the extent the political subdivision settles the claims within the grant  
10 awarded under this Act. If asserted claims exceed the grant award, the political subdivision may  
11 reduce the settlement of the claims on a pro rata basis. To qualify for a grant under this section,  
12 after receiving claims, a political subdivision shall submit an application with the office of  
13 management and budget. Any claim against a political subdivision under this Act must be paid  
14 by June 30, 2017. This section does not expand a political subdivision's liability beyond the  
15 amount of a grant awarded to the political subdivision under this section.

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
17 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the  
18 sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and budget for the purpose of making  
19 grants to political subdivisions under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
20 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

21 **SECTION 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** This Act applies retroactively to an event  
22 occurring on January 5, 2015.