

May 2, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1013**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

*In place of amendment (25.0157.02005) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed House Bill No. 1013 is amended by amendment (25.0157.02007) as follows:*

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 public instruction, the center for distance education, the state library, the school for the deaf,  
3 and North Dakota vision services - school for the blind; to create and enact a new section to  
4 chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the collection of free or reduced-  
5 price meal eligibility information; to amend and reenact ~~section~~ sections 15.1-02-02 and  
6 15.1-27-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the superintendent of  
7 public instruction and administrative cost-sharing; to provide for a transfer; to provide a report;  
8 ~~and~~ to provide an exemption; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

10 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
11 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
12 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
13 federal funds, to the department of public instruction, the center for distance education, the  
14 state library, the school for the deaf, and North Dakota vision services - school for the blind for  
15 the purpose of defraying the expenses of those agencies, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
16 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

17 Subdivision 1.

18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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		Adjustments or		
		Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	\$19,964,765	\$1,121,603	\$21,086,368	
New and vacant FTE pool	0	695,495	695,495	
Operating expenses	32,793,320	9,718,204	42,511,524	
Integrated formula payments	2,299,674,851	116,655,489	2,416,330,340	
Grants - special education	24,000,000	0	24,000,000	
Grants - transportation	58,100,000	5,400,000	63,500,000	
Grants - other grants	382,738,893	29,705,709	412,444,602	
Grants - program grants	17,205,000	7,011,027	24,216,027	
Grants - passthrough grants	3,569,000	12,266,000	15,835,000	
PowerSchool	5,775,000	(5,775,000)	0	
Student information systems	0	5,775,000	5,775,000	
National board certification	176,290	0	176,290	
Total all funds	\$2,843,997,119	\$182,573,527	\$3,026,570,646	
Less other funds	1,115,246.674	176.835,668	1,292,082,342	
Total general fund	\$1,728,750,445	\$5,737,859	\$1,734,488,304	
Salaries and wages	\$19,964,765	\$1,121,603	\$21,086,368	
New and vacant FTE pool	0	695,495	695,495	
Operating expenses	32,793,320	10,618,819	43,412,139	
Integrated formula payments	2,299,674,851	114,602,852	2,414,277,703	
Grants - special education	24,000,000	(2,000,000)	22,000,000	
Grants - transportation	58,100,000	2,000,000	60,100,000	
Grants - other grants	382,738,893	29,705,709	412,444,602	
Grants - program grants	17,205,000	8,511,027	25,716,027	
Grants - passthrough grants	3,569,000	1,166,000	4,735,000	
PowerSchool	5,775,000	(5,775,000)	0	
Student information systems	0	5,775,000	5,775,000	
National board certification	176,290	0	176,290	
Total all funds	\$2,843,997,119	\$166,421,505	\$3,010,418,624	
Less other funds	1,115,246.674	187,164,012	1,302,410,686	

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1	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$1,728,750,445</u>	<u>(\$20,742,507)</u>	<u>\$1,708,007,938</u>
2	Full-time equivalent positions	86.25	0.00	86.25
3	Subdivision 2.			
4	CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION			
5		Adjustments or		
6		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
7	<del>Center for distance education</del>	<del>\$11,613,483</del>	<del>\$2,966,477</del>	<del>\$14,579,960</del>
8	<del>New and vacant FTE pool</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>361,061</del>	<del>361,061</del>
9	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$11,613,483</del>	<del>\$3,327,538</del>	<del>\$14,941,021</del>
10	<del>Less other funds</del>	<del>4,550,000</del>	<del>1,974,000</del>	<del>6,524,000</del>
11	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$7,063,483</del>	<del>\$1,353,538</del>	<del>\$8,417,021</del>
12	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>30.80</del>	<del>1.20</del>	<del>32.00</del>
13	<u>Center for distance education</u>	<u>\$11,613,483</u>	<u>\$3,066,477</u>	<u>\$14,679,960</u>
14	<u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>203,156</u>	<u>203,156</u>
15	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$11,613,483</u>	<u>\$3,269,633</u>	<u>\$14,883,116</u>
16	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>4,550,000</u>	<u>2,074,000</u>	<u>6,624,000</u>
17	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$7,063,483</u>	<u>\$1,195,633</u>	<u>\$8,259,116</u>
18	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>30.80</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>31.00</u>

19	Subdivision 3.			
20	STATE LIBRARY			
21		Adjustments or		
22		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
23	Salaries and wages	\$4,615,731	\$500,120	\$5,115,851
24	New and vacant FTE pool	0	107,552	107,552
25	Operating expenses	2,282,298	707,777	2,990,075
26	Grants	<u>2,283,528</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,283,528</u>
27	Total all funds	\$9,181,557	\$1,315,449	\$10,497,006
28	Less other funds	<u>2,499,073</u>	<u>305,139</u>	<u>2,804,212</u>
29	Total general fund	\$6,682,484	\$1,010,310	\$7,692,794
30	Full-time equivalent positions	26.75	0.00	26.75
31	Subdivision 4.			

1	SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF			
2		Adjustments or		
3		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
4	Salaries and wages	\$9,283,599	\$735,225	\$10,018,824
5	New and vacant FTE pool	0	415,571	415,571
6	Operating expenses	1,705,586	320,839	2,026,425
7	Capital assets	<u>158,678</u>	<u>283,800</u>	<u>442,478</u>
8	Total all funds	\$11,147,863	\$1,755,435	\$12,903,298
9	Less other funds	<u>2,811,557</u>	<u>360,186</u>	<u>3,171,743</u>
10	Total general fund	\$8,336,306	\$1,395,249	\$9,731,555
11	Full-time equivalent positions	45.36	1.50	46.86

Subdivision 5.

13	NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND			
14		Adjustments or		
15		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
16	<del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$5,538,818</del>	<del>\$241,078</del>	<del>\$5,779,896</del>
17	<del>New and vacant FTE pool</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>121,985</del>	<del>121,985</del>
18	<del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>869,686</del>	<del>406,571</del>	<del>1,276,257</del>
19	<del>Capital assets</del>	<del>39,192</del>	<del>230,808</del>	<del>270,000</del>
20	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$6,447,696</del>	<del>\$1,000,442</del>	<del>\$7,448,138</del>
21	<del>Less other funds</del>	<del>1,206,705</del>	<del>534,239</del>	<del>1,740,944</del>
22	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$5,240,991</del>	<del>\$466,203</del>	<del>\$5,707,194</del>
23	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>27.75</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>27.75</del>
24	<u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$5,538,818</u>	<u>\$241,078</u>	<u>\$5,779,896</u>
25	<u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>259,436</u>	<u>259,436</u>
26	<u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>869,686</u>	<u>406,571</u>	<u>1,276,257</u>
27	<u>Capital assets</u>	<u>39,192</u>	<u>230,808</u>	<u>270,000</u>
28	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$6,447,696</u>	<u>\$1,137,893</u>	<u>\$7,585,589</u>
29	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>1,206,705</u>	<u>534,239</u>	<u>1,740,944</u>
30	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$5,240,991</u>	<u>\$603,654</u>	<u>\$5,844,645</u>
31	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>27.75</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>28.75</u>

Subdivision 6.

TOTAL - SECTION 1

		Adjustments or	
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
Grand total all funds	\$2,882,387,718	\$189,972,391	\$3,072,360,109
Less grand total other funds	1,126,314,009	180,009,232	1,306,323,241
Grand total general fund	\$1,756,073,709	\$9,963,159	\$1,766,036,868
Grand total all funds	\$2,882,387,718	\$173,899,915	\$3,056,287,633
Less grand total other funds	1,126,314,009	190,437,576	1,316,751,585
Grand total general fund	\$1,756,073,709	(\$16,537,661)	\$1,739,536,048

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

**SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in each entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which each entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

One-Time Funding Description	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
Department of Public Instruction			
Science center grants	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Teacher retention program	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
School board training	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Native American essential	0	950,000	950,000
understandings and book series			
Statewide reading tool	500,000	0	500,000
Dyslexia training		300,000	300,000
Assistive technology and	250,000	0	250,000
curriculum pilot			
Total department of public instruction	\$750,000	\$15,250,000	\$16,000,000
Department of Public Instruction			
Teacher retention program	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
School board training	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Early learning program	0	1,500,000	1,500,000

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1	Centers of excellence	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
2	Native American essential	0	950,000	950,000
3	understandings and book series			
4	Statewide reading tool	0	500,000	500,000
5	Dyslexia training	0	300,000	300,000
6	Total department of public instruction	\$0	\$7,750,000	\$7,750,000
7	Center for Distance Education			
8	Information technology equipment	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
9	Student information system upgrade	<u>75,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,250</u>
10	Total center for distance education	\$75,250	\$25,000	\$100,250
11	School for the Deaf			
12	Equipment replacement	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000
13	Campus security upgrades	<u>0</u>	<u>238,800</u>	<u>238,800</u>
14	Total school for the deaf	\$0	\$283,800	\$283,800
15	North Dakota vision services - School for the Blind			
16	Equipment less than \$5,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000
17	Door replacement	0	10,000	10,000
18	Breakroom remodel	0	55,000	55,000
19	<del>Kitchen cabinet replacement</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>55,000</del>	<del>55,000</del>
20	Tractor replacement	0	55,000	55,000
21	South parking lot replacement	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
22	Total school for the blind	\$0	\$298,000	\$298,000
23	<del>Grand total</del>	<del>\$825,250</del>	<del>\$15,856,800</del>	<del>\$16,682,050</del>
24	Grand total	\$75,250	\$8,356,800	\$8,432,050

25       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
26 department of public instruction, center for distance education, state library, school for the deaf,  
27 and North Dakota vision services - school for the blind may not spend funds appropriated in the  
28 new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of  
29 management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the  
30 salaries and wages line item or the center for distance education line item within each

1 respective subdivision in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in  
2 House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - 2023-25 BIENNIUM - CONTRACT REIMBURSEMENTS.**

4 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
5 appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
6 department of public instruction for the purpose of providing contract reimbursements, for the  
7 period beginning with the effective date of this section, and ending June 30, 2025. The  
8 department of public instruction may use up to \$500,000 to reimburse vendors for services  
9 related to federal elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund contracts which have  
10 been denied payment by the United States department of education. Reimbursement may be  
11 made only for services provided through May 2, 2025.

12 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TUITION APPORTIONMENT.** The sum of \$595,677,350,

13 included in the integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is  
14 from the state tuition fund in the state treasury. Any additional amount in the state tuition fund  
15 that becomes available for distribution to public schools is appropriated to the department of  
16 public instruction for that purpose for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,  
17 2027.

18 **SECTION 6. OTHER FUNDS - FOUNDATION AID STABILIZATION FUND.** The other

19 funds line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of  
20 ~~\$219,250,000~~ \$233,000,000 from the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula  
21 payments, ~~various program grants, and a Native American program and textbook.~~

22 **SECTION 7. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

23 The other funds line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of  
24 ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$6,250,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for ~~science-~~  
25 ~~center grants~~ one-time program grants, relating to dyslexia training, a statewide reading tool, a  
26 teacher retention program, a centers of excellence program, school board training, and a Native  
27 American essential understandings program and book series.

28 **SECTION 8. INTEGRATED FORMULA PAYMENTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

29 **CONTRACTS EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.** The superintendent of public instruction may  
30 expend funds included in the integrated formula payments and grants - special education  
31 contracts line items in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act for paying grants for educational

services that were due in the 2023-25 biennium but which were not filed, claimed, or properly supported by the education provider until after June 30, 2025. To be reimbursed under this section, claims must be properly supported and filed with the superintendent of public instruction by June 30, 2026.

**SECTION 9. GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM.** The sum of \$800,000, included in the integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, must be distributed to reimburse school districts or special education units for gifted and talented programs upon the submission of an application that is approved in accordance with guidelines adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall encourage cooperative efforts for gifted and talented programs among school districts and special education units.

**SECTION 10. MEDICAID MATCHING FUNDING - WITHHOLDING AND DISTRIBUTION.** State school aid payments for special education must be reduced by the amount of matching funds required to be paid by school districts or special education units for students participating in the Medicaid program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Special education funds equal to the amount of the matching funds required to be paid by the school district or special education unit must be paid by the superintendent of public instruction to the department of health and human services on behalf of the school district or unit.

**SECTION 11. REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS - GRANTS - DISTRIBUTION.** The integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$700,000~~ \$600,000 from the general fund for the purpose of providing annual grants to regional education associations, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. An annual grant of \$50,000 is provided to each regional education association that exists as of July 1, 2025. Regional education associations that merge during the 2025-27 biennium are entitled to the annual grants that would have been paid to each of the member associations.

**SECTION 12. STUDENT MEALS - GRANTS - DISTRIBUTION.** The grants - program grants line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$4,500,000~~ \$6,000,000 from the general fund for the purpose of providing grants to school districts to defray the expenses of providing meals, free of charge, for all students enrolled in public or nonpublic school at or below two hundred twenty-five percent of the federal poverty guideline, for the biennium

1 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
2 develop guidelines and reporting requirements for the grants.

3 **SECTION 13. PARAPROFESSIONAL-TO-TEACHER PROGRAM - GRANTS -**

4 **DISTRIBUTION.** The grants - program grants line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act  
5 includes \$3,000,000 from the general fund for the purpose of providing grants to accredited  
6 institutions of higher education to assist paraprofessionals to become qualified teachers, for the  
7 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The superintendent of public  
8 instruction may award up to \$20,000 to each qualifying institution for program startup and other  
9 administrative costs and the remainder of the appropriation may be used only for tuition and  
10 scholarships for students enrolled in the program. The superintendent of public instruction may  
11 establish policies and procedures to administer this program.

12 **SECTION 14. NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS - GRANTS - DISTRIBUTION.**

13 The grants - passthrough grants line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes  
14 \$500,000 from the general fund for the purpose of providing grants for North Dakota governor's  
15 schools at North Dakota state university and university of North Dakota, for the biennium  
16 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

- 17 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall conduct North Dakota governor's  
18 schools once a summer alternating annually between North Dakota state university  
19 and university of North Dakota.
- 20 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall award the grants based on providing an  
21 average cost of \$5,000 per student attending the schools each year not to exceed a  
22 total of \$250,000 to each university for each year of the biennium.
- 23 3. The governor's schools program must provide programs related to science,  
24 technology, engineering, mathematics, energy law, mental health, education, and  
25 health sciences.
- 26 4. The superintendent of public instruction shall name codirectors at each university to  
27 ensure continued collaboration of the schools at both campuses.
- 28 5. Funds may be used only for defraying expenses for students while on campus,  
29 including housing, dining, resident assistants, program directors, instructors, and  
30 faculty research sponsors.

**SECTION 15. EXEMPTION - INDIRECT COST RECOVERIES, GENERAL**

**EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEES, AND DISPLACED HOMEMAKER DEPOSITS.**

Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-15, the department of public instruction may deposit indirect cost recoveries in its operating account. In addition, any moneys collected by the department of public instruction for general educational development fees and displaced homemakers deposits must be deposited in the public instruction fund in the state treasury. Any funds deposited in the public instruction fund may only be spent subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.

**SECTION 16. EXEMPTION - TRANSFER - PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FUND - TRANSFER -**

**GENERAL FUND.** Notwithstanding section 54-44.1-11, if, after the superintendent of public instruction complies with all statutory payment obligations imposed for the 2023-25 biennium, from any moneys remaining in the integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 45 of the 2023 Session Laws, the lesser of ~~\$11,165,000~~ \$11,000,000 or the remaining amount must be continued into the 2025-27 biennium and the office of management and budget shall transfer this amount into the public instruction fund for the purpose of providing ~~program and passthrough grants~~ integrated formula payments as appropriated in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act. The superintendent of public instruction shall transfer any of these funds remaining unspent at the end of the 2025-27 biennium to the general fund.

**SECTION 17. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS - DEPARTMENT OF**

**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.** The following appropriations to the department of public instruction are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

1. Any funds remaining from federal funds derived from the elementary and secondary school emergency education relief fund and any other federal funds appropriated in subdivision 2 of section 2 of chapter 28 of the 2021 Session Laws; and
2. Any funds remaining from special funds from the public instruction fund in the state treasury, derived from reimbursements withheld from school districts' integrated formula payments for the purpose of information technology project upgrades to the state automated reporting system and the statewide longitudinal data system, appropriated in section 17 of chapter 549 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws.

1       **SECTION 18. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATION - STATE LIBRARY.** The  
2 sum of \$150,000, appropriated from the general fund to the state library for building renovations  
3 in subdivision 3 of section 1 of chapter 45 of the 2023 Session Laws, is not subject to the  
4 provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available for  
5 building renovations during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

6       **SECTION 19. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOL FOR THE**  
7 **DEAF.** The sum of \$800,000, appropriated from special funds, derived from trust fund  
8 distributions, rents, and service revenue, to the school for the deaf for boiler replacement,  
9 pneumatic controls, and a fire alarm system in subdivision 4 of section 1 of chapter 45 of the  
10 2023 Session Laws, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended  
11 funds from this appropriation are available for boiler replacement, pneumatic controls, and a fire  
12 alarm system during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

13       **SECTION 20. STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** The grants line item in subdivision 3 of  
14 section 1 of this Act includes \$1,737,582 for aid to public libraries, of which no more than  
15 one-half may be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

16       **SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18       **15.1-02-02. Salary.**

19       The annual salary of the superintendent of public instruction is ~~one hundred thirty-eight~~  
20 ~~thousand one hundred forty-two~~ one hundred forty-seven thousand nine hundred seventy-eight  
21 dollars through June 30, 2024~~2026~~, and ~~one hundred forty-three thousand six hundred~~  
22 ~~sixty-eight~~ one hundred fifty-two thousand four hundred seventeen dollars thereafter.

23       **SECTION 22.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24 created and enacted as follows:

25       **Electronic collection of free or reduced-price meal eligibility information -**  
26 **Requirements.**

- 27       1. Each school district shall annually provide an electronic form to all parents or  
28 guardians of enrolled students to collect household income information necessary to  
29 determine eligibility for free or reduced-price meals under the national school lunch  
30 program and other relevant federal and state assistance programs.

2. The electronic form must be made available to all parents or guardians at the beginning of the eligibility period or the beginning of each school year and must be designed to facilitate ease of completion and submission.

3. A school district shall offer a paper form upon request of a parent or guardian who prefers a nonelectronic submission method.

**SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-27-16. ~~Per student payments - Administrative cost-sharing - Cooperating districts and special education units. (Effective through June 30, 2026)~~**

~~1. If any school district receiving payments under this chapter cooperates with another school district for the joint provision of educational services under a plan approved by the superintendent of public instruction, the superintendent of public instruction shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.1-27-03.2, create and assign a separate weighting factor that allows the cooperating districts to receive, for a period of four years, a payment rate equivalent to that which each district would have received had the cooperative plan not taken effect. The superintendent of public instruction shall compute the separate weighting factor to four decimal places and that weighting factor is effective for the duration of the cooperative plan.~~

~~2. A school district that is cooperating with another school district under a cooperative plan approved by the superintendent of public instruction, and which has taxable property located in the same city as the other school district under the cooperative plan, may not be required as part of the cooperative plan to:~~

~~a. Provide unduplicated grade-level services; or~~

~~b. Share administrative personnel.~~

~~3. If any school district in the state receiving payments under this chapter or any special education unit in the state cooperates with another school district or special education unit to jointly employ or contract with a superintendent or a school district business manager, or both, or to jointly employ or contract with a special education unit director or a special education unit business manager, or both, the superintendent of public instruction shall provide partial reimbursement of the salary of the superintendent or the school district business manager, or both, or partial reimbursement of the salary of~~

1 the special education unit director or the special education unit business manager, or  
2 both, as follows:

3 ~~a. If the salary exceeds two hundred thousand dollars, the amount of the~~  
4 ~~reimbursement must be calculated based upon two hundred thousand dollars.~~  
5 ~~Each cooperating school district or special education unit shall receive a prorated~~  
6 ~~share of the reimbursement percentages listed below each year for four years.~~  
7 ~~The prorated reimbursement is based on the percentage of full-time equivalency~~  
8 ~~that the superintendent or school district business manager, or both, or the~~  
9 ~~special education unit director or special education unit business manager, or~~  
10 ~~both, are employed or contracted by each district or special education unit. The~~  
11 ~~percentage of reimbursement for the salary of the jointly hired superintendent or~~  
12 ~~school district business manager, or both, or of the jointly hired special education~~  
13 ~~unit director or special education unit business manager, or both, must be as~~  
14 ~~follows:~~

15 ~~(1) If two schools or special education units are cooperating, ten percent of the~~  
16 ~~salary;~~

17 ~~(2) If three schools or special education units are cooperating, fifteen percent of~~  
18 ~~the salary;~~

19 ~~(3) If four schools or special education units are cooperating, twenty percent of~~  
20 ~~the salary; and~~

21 ~~(4) If five or more schools or special education units are cooperating,~~  
22 ~~twenty-five percent of the salary.~~

23 ~~b. To be eligible for reimbursement under this subsection, the cooperating school-~~  
24 ~~districts or special education units must:~~

25 ~~(1) Have been approved by the superintendent of public instruction and have~~  
26 ~~implemented their administrative cost-sharing program after June 30, 2022;~~  
27 ~~and~~

28 ~~(2) Submit the salary of the superintendent or school district business manager,~~  
29 ~~or both, or the salary of the special education unit director or special~~  
30 ~~education unit business manager, or both, to the superintendent of public~~  
31 ~~instruction by June first of each year.~~

**~~Per student payments - Cooperating districts. (Effective after June 30, 2026)~~**

1. If any school district receiving payments under this chapter cooperates with another school district for the joint provision of educational services under a plan approved by the superintendent of public instruction, the superintendent of public instruction shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.1-27-03.2, create and assign a separate weighting factor that allows the cooperating districts to receive, for a period of four years, a payment rate equivalent to that which each district would have received had the cooperative plan not taken effect. The superintendent of public instruction shall compute the separate weighting factor to four decimal places and that weighting factor is effective for the duration of the cooperative plan.
2. A school district that is cooperating with another school district under a cooperative plan approved by the superintendent of public instruction, and which has taxable property located in the same city as the other school district under the cooperative plan, may not be required as part of the cooperative plan to:
  - a. Provide unduplicated grade level services; or
  - b. Share administrative personnel.

**SECTION 24. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 22 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

**SECTION 25. EMERGENCY.** Section 4 of the Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****House Bill No. 1013 - Summary of Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Department of Public Instruction						
Total all funds	\$2,843,997,119	\$3,026,570,646	(\$16,152,022)	\$3,010,418,624	\$3,033,661,789	(\$23,243,165)
Less estimated income	1,115,246,674	1,292,082,342	10,328,344	1,302,410,686	1,201,417,342	100,993,344
General fund	\$1,728,750,445	\$1,734,488,304	(\$26,480,366)	\$1,708,007,938	\$1,832,244,447	(\$124,236,509)
FTE	86.25	86.25	0.00	86.25	86.25	0.00
Center for Distance Education						
Total all funds	\$11,613,483	\$14,941,021	(\$57,905)	\$14,883,116	\$14,783,116	\$100,000
Less estimated income	4,550,000	6,524,000	100,000	6,624,000	6,524,000	100,000
General fund	\$7,063,483	\$8,417,021	(\$157,905)	\$8,259,116	\$8,259,116	\$0
FTE	30.80	32.00	(1.00)	31.00	31.00	0.00
State Library						
Total all funds	\$9,181,557	\$10,497,006	\$0	\$10,497,006	\$10,497,006	\$0
Less estimated income	2,499,073	2,804,212	0	2,804,212	2,804,212	0
General fund	\$6,682,484	\$7,692,794	\$0	\$7,692,794	\$7,692,794	\$0
FTE	26.75	26.75	0.00	26.75	26.75	0.00
School for the Deaf						
Total all funds	\$11,147,863	\$12,903,298	\$0	\$12,903,298	\$12,903,298	\$0
Less estimated income	2,811,557	3,171,743	0	3,171,743	3,171,743	0
General fund	\$8,336,306	\$9,731,555	\$0	\$9,731,555	\$9,731,555	\$0
FTE	45.36	46.86	0.00	46.86	46.86	0.00
Vision Services - School for the Blind						
Total all funds	\$6,447,696	\$7,448,138	\$137,451	\$7,585,589	\$7,585,589	\$0
Less estimated income	1,206,705	1,740,944	0	1,740,944	1,740,944	0
General fund	\$5,240,991	\$5,707,194	\$137,451	\$5,844,645	\$5,844,645	\$0
FTE	27.75	27.75	1.00	28.75	28.75	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$2,882,387,718	\$3,072,360,109	(\$16,072,476)	\$3,056,287,633	\$3,079,430,798	(\$23,143,165)
Less estimated income	1,126,314,009	1,306,323,241	10,428,344	1,316,751,585	1,215,658,241	101,093,344
General fund	\$1,756,073,709	\$1,766,036,868	(\$26,500,820)	\$1,739,536,048	\$1,863,772,557	(\$124,236,509)
FTE	216.91	219.61	0.00	219.61	219.61	0.00

**House Bill No. 1013 - Department of Public Instruction - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$19,964,765	\$21,086,368		\$21,086,368	\$21,086,368	
New and vacant FTE pool		695,495		695,495	695,495	
Operating expenses	32,793,320	42,511,524	\$900,615	43,412,139	42,511,524	\$900,615
Integrated formula payments	2,299,674,851	2,416,330,340	(2,052,637)	2,414,277,703	2,437,121,483	(22,843,780)
Grants - Special education contracts	24,000,000	24,000,000	(2,000,000)	22,000,000	24,000,000	(2,000,000)
Grants - Transportation	58,100,000	63,500,000	(3,400,000)	60,100,000	60,100,000	
Grants - Other grants	382,738,893	412,444,602		412,444,602	412,444,602	
Grants - Program grants	17,205,000	24,216,027	1,500,000	25,716,027	25,016,027	700,000
Grants - Passthrough grants	3,569,000	15,835,000	(11,100,000)	4,735,000	4,735,000	
PowerSchool	5,775,000					
Student information systems		5,775,000		5,775,000	5,775,000	
National board certification	176,290	176,290		176,290	176,290	
Total all funds	\$2,843,997,119	\$3,026,570,646	(\$16,152,022)	\$3,010,418,624	\$3,033,661,789	(\$23,243,165)
Less estimated income	1,115,246,674	1,292,082,342	10,328,344	1,302,410,686	1,201,417,342	100,993,344
General fund	\$1,728,750,445	\$1,734,488,304	(\$26,480,366)	\$1,708,007,938	\$1,832,244,447	(\$124,236,509)
FTE	86.25	86.25	0.00	86.25	86.25	0.00

**Department 201 - Department of Public Instruction - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Increases Funding for School Improvement Contract <sup>1</sup>	Adjusts Funding Source of Integrated Formula Payments <sup>2</sup>	Decreases Funding for Integrated Formula Payments <sup>3</sup>	Decreases Funding for Transportation Grants <sup>4</sup>	Decreases Funding for Special Education Contract Grants <sup>5</sup>	Increases Funding for the Free Meal Program <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages						
New and vacant FTE pool						
Operating expenses	\$900,615					
Integrated formula payments			(\$2,052,637)			
Grants - Special education contracts					(\$2,000,000)	
Grants - Transportation				(\$3,400,000)		
Grants - Other grants						
Grants - Program grants						\$1,500,000
Grants - Passthrough grants						
PowerSchool						
Student information systems						
National board certification						
Total all funds	\$900,615	\$0	(\$2,052,637)	(\$3,400,000)	(\$2,000,000)	\$1,500,000
Less estimated income	(1,006,656)	30,000,000	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$1,907,271	(\$30,000,000)	(\$2,052,637)	(\$3,400,000)	(\$2,000,000)	\$1,500,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adjusts Funding for Ongoing Program Grants <sup>7</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Ongoing Passthrough Grants <sup>8</sup>	Adjusts Funding for One-time Program Grants <sup>9</sup>	Removes One- time Funding for Assistive Technology and Curriculum <sup>10</sup>	Removes One- time Funding for Science Center Grants <sup>11</sup>	Adjusts One- Time Funding for a Native American Program and Textbook <sup>12</sup>
Salaries and wages						
New and vacant FTE pool						
Operating expenses						
Integrated formula payments						
Grants - Special education contracts						
Grants - Transportation						
Grants - Other grants						
Grants - Program grants	(\$2,000,000)		\$500,000			
Grants - Passthrough grants		(\$850,000)		(\$250,000)	(\$10,000,000)	
PowerSchool						
Student information systems						
National board certification						
Total all funds	(\$2,000,000)	(\$850,000)	\$500,000	(\$250,000)	(\$10,000,000)	\$0
Less estimated income	(8,080,000)	(3,085,000)	1,000,000	0	(10,000,000)	0
General fund	\$6,080,000	\$2,235,000	(\$500,000)	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One- Time Funding for Early Learning Program Grant <sup>13</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		
New and vacant FTE pool		
Operating expenses		\$900,615
Integrated formula payments		(2,052,637)
Grants - Special education contracts		(2,000,000)
Grants - Transportation		(3,400,000)
Grants - Other grants		
Grants - Program grants	\$1,500,000	1,500,000
Grants - Passthrough grants		(11,100,000)
PowerSchool		
Student information systems		
National board certification		
Total all funds	\$1,500,000	(\$16,152,022)
Less estimated income	1,500,000	10,328,344
General fund	\$0	(\$26,480,366)
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Base budget funding of \$1,006,656 for a school improvement contract is adjusted from special funds withheld from school districts' state aid to the general fund and is increased by \$900,615 from the general fund to provide a total of \$6,900,000 from the general fund, including funding from the general fund in the base budget of \$280,344 and funding of \$4,712,385 added in the House and Senate versions.

<sup>2</sup> Funding for integrated formula payments from the general fund is decreased by \$30 million. The reduction is offset by an increase in funding from the foundation aid stabilization fund of \$19 million, to provide a total of \$233 million from the foundation aid stabilization fund, and by \$11 million of funding from special funds from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund. The House provided \$214 million, and the Senate provided \$133 million, from the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula payments.

<sup>3</sup> Funding for integrated formula payments is adjusted as follows:

	<b>General Fund</b>
Adjusts savings related to cost to continue integrated formula payments, the same as the Senate version. The House included a reduction of \$9,312,607 for cost to continue savings.	(\$1,900,000)
Increases the integrated formula payment rate 2.5 percent each year of the 2025-27 biennium. The House provided increases of 2 percent each year of the biennium and the Senate provided increases of 3 percent each year of the biennium. (House Bill No. 1369)	23,447,363
Removes the rolling 3-year average for the determination of average daily membership included by the House. The same as the Senate version. (House Bill No. 1369)	(8,000,000)
Adjusts the estimated increase in local revenue exempted from deduction in the state school aid formula, the same as the Senate version. The House included an increase of \$12.5 million for the fiscal impact of the local revenue adjustment.	(2,000,000)
Removes the fiscal impact, included by the House, of a reduction in the percentage of local revenue contributed to the state school aid formula from 75 to 65 percent. The same as the Senate version. (House Bill No. 1381 was not approved by the Senate)	(13,500,000)
Decreases funding for annual grants to regional education associations due a to reduction in the number of regional education associations in the state. The same as the Senate version. The House did not reduce annual grants to regional education associations.	(100,000)
Total decrease in integrated formula payments	(\$2,052,637)

<sup>4</sup> Funding is decreased for transportation grants pursuant to Conference Committee amendments to the transportation grant formula approved in House Bill No. 1214 and for a reduction in the integrated formula payment rate increases provided in House Bill No. 1369, to provide a total of \$60.1 million, the same as the Senate version. The House provided \$63.5 million for transportation grants.

<sup>5</sup> Funding for special education contract grants is reduced to provide a total of \$22 million. The House and Senate provided \$24 million for special education contract grants.

<sup>6</sup> Funding for the free meal program is increased to provide a total of \$6 million from the general fund and to expand eligibility to all students enrolled in public or nonpublic school at or below 225 percent of the federal poverty guideline, an increase from 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline and the same federal poverty guideline as the House and Senate versions. The House provided \$4.5 million, and the Senate provided \$7.3 million for the free meal program.

<sup>7</sup> Funding of \$2,000,000 from the general fund, added by the House for a centers of excellence program, is removed the same as the Senate version. Funding for ongoing program grants totaling \$8,080,000 is adjusted from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund, to the general fund, the same as the Senate version.

Total funding for ongoing program grants is provided as follows:

<b>Ongoing Program Grants</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
Adult education matching grants	\$5,500,000
School food service matching grants	1,380,000
Free meal program	6,000,000
Leveraging the senior year	1,536,027
Building tomorrow's leaders program	50,000
Family engagement program	150,000
Paraprofessional-to-teacher program	3,000,000
Science of reading and literacy training program	1,000,000
Indians into STEM program	300,000
Total general fund	\$18,916,027

<sup>8</sup> Funding for ongoing passthrough grants from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund, added by the House for national writing projects (\$30,000) and TeenPact (\$20,000) is removed, the same as the Senate version. In addition, remaining funding for ongoing passthrough grants of \$3,035,000 is adjusted from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund, to the general fund, the same as the Senate version. Funding from the general fund,

increased for teacher mentoring (ND Rise) by the House, is reduced \$800,000 to provide an increase of \$1,200,000 from the base budget, the same as the Senate version.

Total funding for ongoing passthrough grants is provided as follows:

<b>Ongoing Passthrough Grants</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
National writing projects	\$40,000
Rural art outreach	425,000
ND RISE teacher mentoring program	3,700,000
Governor's School	500,000
"We the People" program	<u>70,000</u>
Total general fund	\$4,735,000

<sup>9</sup> One-time funding of \$500,000 from the general fund for the Amira statewide reading tool is adjusted to provide one-time funding the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF), the same as the Senate. The House provided one-time funding for the Amira statewide reading tool from the general fund. In addition, one-time funding from the foundation aid stabilization fund for dyslexia identification training (\$300,000), a statewide teacher retention program (\$2 million), and school board training (\$1.5 million) is adjusted to provide funding from SIIF, a reduction to the statewide teacher retention program of \$500,000 from the House and Senate versions.

The House provided one-time funding for dyslexia identification training (\$300,000), a statewide teacher retention program (\$2.5 million), and school board training (\$1.5 million) from the foundation aid stabilization fund. The Senate provided one-time funding for dyslexia identification training (\$300,000), a statewide teacher retention program (\$2.5 million), and school board training (\$1.5 million) from SIIF.

The Conference Committee added one-time funding of \$1 million from SIIF for centers of excellence program grants. The House provided ongoing funding from the general fund for centers of excellence grants however the Senate removed the funding.

The Conference Committee provided the following one-time program grants from SIIF:

<b>One-time Program Grants</b>	<b>SIIF</b>
Statewide reading tool	\$500,000
Dyslexia identification training	300,000
Statewide teacher retention program	2,000,000
Centers of excellence program	1,000,000
School board training	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total SIIF	\$5,300,000

<sup>10</sup> One-time funding for a passthrough grant for a RoboKind pilot project related to assistive technology and curriculum, added by the House, is removed, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>11</sup> One-time funding of \$10 million from SIIF, added for science center grants by the House, is removed, the same as the Senate version.

<sup>12</sup> One-time funding for operating expenses related to North Dakota Native American Essential Understandings contracts and workgroup costs (\$300,000) and for the production of a book series regarding the history and culture of indigenous people (\$650,000) from the foundation aid stabilization fund is adjusted to provide funding from SIIF.

<sup>13</sup> The Conference Committee added one-time funding of \$1.5 million from a grant provided by the Department of Health and Human Services for the Upstart Waterford project early learning program. This funding was identified as a grant to the Department of Public Instruction in the Conference Committee report for House Bill No. 1012 but was not included in the House or Senate versions.

This amendment also:

- Provides a general fund deficiency appropriation of up to \$500,000 to reimburse vendors for services related to federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund contracts which have been denied payment;
- Identifies \$233,000,000 is provided from the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula payments. The House provided \$219,250,000 from the fund for integrated formula payments, various program grants, and a Native American program and textbook and the Senate provided \$133,000,000 from the fund for integrated formula payments;
- Identifies \$6,250,000 is provided from SIIF for various program grants and a Native American program and textbook. The House provided \$10,000,000 from the fund for science center grants and the Senate provided

- \$5,750,000 from the fund for various program grants and a Native American program and textbook;
- Reduces funding identified for annual grants to regional education associations (REAs), due to a reduction in the number of REAs in the state, to provide a total of \$600,000 for annual grants of \$50,000 to each of the six remaining REAs, the same as the Senate. The House provided \$700,000 for annual grants to REAs;
- Provides for the distribution of \$6 million for grants to school districts to provide free meals to students in public or nonpublic schools at or below 225 percent of poverty. The House provided \$4.5 million and increased eligibility from below 200 percent of poverty to below 225 percent of poverty. The Senate provided \$7.3 million for grants to students below 225 percent of poverty;
- Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction continue the lesser of \$11,000,000, or the funding remaining in the integrated formula payments line item at the end of the 2023-25 biennium, into the 2025-27 biennium, the same as the Senate. The Office of Management and Budget must transfer this amount into the public instruction fund for the purpose of providing integrated formula payments. This change will reduce the estimated July 1, 2025, general fund balance by \$11,000,000. The House version reduced the July 1, 2025, general fund balance by \$11,165,000 and provided the funding for various program and passthrough grants;
- Creates a new section to Chapter 15.1-07, effective July 1, 2026, to require school districts to establish electronic collection of free or reduced-price meal eligibility information. This section was not included by the House or Senate; and
- Amends Section 15.1-27-16, related to administrative cost-sharing, to provide state reimbursement for administrative cost-sharing expires June 30, 2025, rather than June 30, 2026. This provision was not included in the House or Senate version. The House and Senate both removed \$125,000 included in the base budget for one year of the administrative cost-sharing program.

#### House Bill No. 1013 - Center for Distance Education - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
New and vacant FTE pool		\$361,061	(\$157,905)	\$203,156	\$203,156	
Center for Distance Education	\$11,613,483	14,579,960	100,000	14,679,960	14,579,960	\$100,000
Total all funds	\$11,613,483	\$14,941,021	(\$57,905)	\$14,883,116	\$14,783,116	\$100,000
Less estimated income	4,550,000	6,524,000	100,000	6,624,000	6,524,000	100,000
General fund	\$7,063,483	\$8,417,021	(\$157,905)	\$8,259,116	\$8,259,116	\$0
FTE	30.80	32.00	(1.00)	31.00	31.00	0.00

#### Department 204 - Center for Distance Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes 1 FTE Support Specialist Position <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Market Equity Salary Increases <sup>2</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
New and vacant FTE pool	(\$157,905)		(\$157,905)
Center for Distance Education		\$100,000	100,000
Total all funds	(\$157,905)	\$100,000	(\$57,905)
Less estimated income	0	100,000	100,000
General fund	(\$157,905)	\$0	(\$157,905)
FTE	(1.00)	0.00	(1.00)

<sup>1</sup> Funding for 1 FTE enrollment and office support specialist position is removed (\$175,450) and estimated savings in the new and vacant FTE pool is adjusted by \$17,545, The same as the Senate version.

<sup>2</sup> Funding from special funds from tuition revenue is provided for market equity salary increases. This funding was not included by the House or Senate.

**House Bill No. 1013 - State Library - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$4,615,731	\$5,115,851		\$5,115,851	\$5,115,851	
New and vacant FTE pool		107,552		107,552	107,552	
Operating expenses	2,282,298	2,990,075		2,990,075	2,990,075	
Grants	2,283,528	2,283,528		2,283,528	2,283,528	
Total all funds	\$9,181,557	\$10,497,006	\$0	\$10,497,006	\$10,497,006	\$0
Less estimated income	2,499,073	2,804,212	0	2,804,212	2,804,212	0
General fund	\$6,682,484	\$7,692,794	\$0	\$7,692,794	\$7,692,794	\$0
FTE	26.75	26.75	0.00	26.75	26.75	0.00

**Department 250 - State Library - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

The Conference Committee did not change the House appropriation for the State Library, which was the same as the Senate version.

**House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Deaf - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$9,283,599	\$10,018,824		\$10,018,824	\$10,018,824	
New and vacant FTE pool		415,571		415,571	415,571	
Operating expenses	1,705,586	2,026,425		2,026,425	2,026,425	
Capital assets	158,678	442,478		442,478	442,478	
Total all funds	\$11,147,863	\$12,903,298	\$0	\$12,903,298	\$12,903,298	\$0
Less estimated income	2,811,557	3,171,743	0	3,171,743	3,171,743	0
General fund	\$8,336,306	\$9,731,555	\$0	\$9,731,555	\$9,731,555	\$0
FTE	45.36	46.86	0.00	46.86	46.86	0.00

**Department 252 - School for the Deaf - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

The Conference Committee did not change the House appropriation for the School for the Deaf, which was the same as the Senate version.

**House Bill No. 1013 - Vision Services - School for the Blind - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$5,538,818	\$5,779,896		\$5,779,896	\$5,779,896	
New and vacant FTE pool		121,985	\$137,451	259,436	259,436	
Operating expenses	869,686	1,276,257		1,276,257	1,276,257	
Capital assets	39,192	270,000		270,000	270,000	
Total all funds	\$6,447,696	\$7,448,138	\$137,451	\$7,585,589	\$7,585,589	\$0
Less estimated income	1,206,705	1,740,944	0	1,740,944	1,740,944	0
General fund	\$5,240,991	\$5,707,194	\$137,451	\$5,844,645	\$5,844,645	\$0
FTE	27.75	27.75	1.00	28.75	28.75	0.00

### Department 253 - Vision Services - School for the Blind - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds 1 FTE Assistive Technology Position <sup>1</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		
New and vacant FTE pool	\$137,451	\$137,451
Operating expenses		
Capital assets		
Total all funds	\$137,451	\$137,451
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	\$137,451	\$137,451
FTE	1.00	1.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$152,723 is added for 1 FTE assistive technology position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium and funding for the new and vacant FTE pool is adjusted for estimated savings (\$15,272), the same as the Senate version. The House did not include the 1 FTE assistive technology position.