

**North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind  
House Bill No. 1013**

|   | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bill as introduced)    | 28.00                | \$2,048,791         | \$1,283,501        | \$3,332,292      |
| <b>2001-03 legislative appropriations</b>                           | <b>29.00</b>         | <b>2,114,991</b>    | <b>1,357,821</b>   | <b>3,472,812</b> |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget                 | 1.00                 | \$66,200            | \$74,320           | \$140,520        |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations         | 1.00                 | (\$81,197)          | \$354,929          | \$273,732        |
| 2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation                            | 28.00                | \$2,048,791         | \$1,283,501        | \$3,332,292      |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation | 1.00                 | \$66,200            | \$74,320           | \$140,520        |

**GOVERNOR HOEVEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Hoeven recommendation did not change the Schafer recommendation.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET (SCHAFER) AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**

**Salaries and Wages**

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. In addition to the above appropriations, agencies may receive additional funding from the \$5 million appropriated in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1015 for special market equity adjustments for classified state employees whose salaries are the furthest from their respective salary range midpoints.

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide the following:

An appropriation of \$3,083 (\$2,621 from the general fund and \$462 from other funds) for salary adjustments in addition to the executive budget compensation package to increase salaries to new pay range minimums established by Central Personnel.

An appropriation of \$112,810 from the general fund to increase teacher salaries pursuant to the composite salary schedule developed by Central Personnel.

In addition to other salary increases, the Legislative Assembly added \$56,200 for teacher compensation payments. The additional \$56,200 is for salary increases of \$1,000 the first year of the biennium and an additional \$2,000 the second year (the same increases provided for public school teachers pursuant to House Bill No. 1344) to 14.05 FTE teachers and nonadministrative instructional personnel.

|  | <b>Major Items<br/>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| The legislative action:  |                                      |                     |                    |              |
| Added 1 FTE training officer II position to provide technology training to agency clients in western North Dakota. Funding for the position is to be from sources as determined by the agency. | 1.00                                 |                     | \$74,320           | \$74,320     |

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| Added funding for operating expenses relating to the new FTE position  |             | \$10,000        |                 | 10,000           |
| Added funding for additional teacher compensation payments of \$1,000 the first year of the biennium and an additional \$2,000 the second year, in addition to the executive budget compensation package and the teacher salary increases provided pursuant to the composite salary schedule |             | 56,200          |                 | 56,200           |
| Total  | <u>1.00</u> | <u>\$66,200</u> | <u>\$74,320</u> | <u>\$140,520</u> |

**FTE Changes**

The Legislative Assembly increased the executive recommendation by one FTE training officer II position requested by the agency to provide technology training to agency clients in western North Dakota. The position is funded from special fund sources to be determined by the agency.

**Capital Improvements**

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to appropriate \$25,416 from other funds for extraordinary repairs at the North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind.

**Other Sections in Bill**

**Teacher compensation increases** - Section 6 was added providing that the salaries and wages line item appropriated to the School for the Blind for the 2001-03 biennium includes \$56,200 from the general fund to provide, in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for salary increases, teacher compensation payments of \$1,000 the first year of the biennium and an additional \$2,000 the second year (second year total of \$3,000 per teacher).

**Related Legislation**

**Institution name change** - House Bill No. 1038 changes the name of the North Dakota School for the Blind to North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind and expands the responsibilities of the agency to provide that it is the statewide service, resource, and referral center for all residents of the state who are blind or visually impaired.