

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2441

Introduced by

Senator Freborg

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for school district reorganization bonuses.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Reorganization bonus - Eligibility - Distribution.**

4 1. If a school district reorganizes with one or more contiguous school districts or
5 portions of districts, the newly reorganized district is entitled to receive a
6 reorganization bonus, provided at least one of the reorganizing districts is a high
7 school district and that the newly reorganized district consists of at least eight
8 hundred square miles.

9 2. The total reorganization bonus to which a newly reorganized district is eligible
10 consists of:

11 a. Fifty thousand dollars per one hundred square mile block, or a major portion
12 thereof, included within the reorganized district and calculated by determining
13 the lesser of the total square mileage of the reorganized district or one
14 thousand four hundred square miles, and subtracting from that amount the
15 square mileage of the largest district or portion of a district involved in the
16 reorganization;

17 b. One thousand dollars per student calculated by determining the lesser of the
18 total fall enrollment of the newly reorganized district or seven hundred fifty
19 and subtracting from that amount the fall enrollment in the district or portion of
20 the district that had the largest student population of those districts or portions
21 of districts participating in the reorganization during the school year
22 immediately preceding the effective date of the reorganization; and

23 c. Fifty thousand dollars for each whole school district that formed the
24 reorganized district.

1 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the reorganization bonus to
2 each eligible reorganized district during the month of December, following the
3 effective date of the district's reorganization.

4 **SECTION 2. Reorganization bonus - Distribution - Limitation.** For purposes of
5 distributing reorganization bonuses, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the
6 eligibility of reorganized districts chronologically, according to the date on which each district's
7 reorganization plan was approved by the state board of public school education. After all other
8 statutory obligations have been met within the limits of legislative appropriations, the
9 superintendent of public instruction shall make the distribution of reorganization bonuses from
10 funds made available in the grants - foundation aid and transportation line item in Senate Bill
11 No. 2013, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, for the 1999-2001 biennium,
12 provided the superintendent may not expend more than two million dollars during the
13 1999-2001 biennium for the purpose of this Act. No reorganization bonus payable under this
14 Act may exceed five hundred thousand dollars. A reorganized district that receives a
15 reorganization bonus under this Act is not eligible to receive additional reorganization bonuses
16 based on future reorganization efforts for a period of ten years.