

HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

Introduced by

Representatives Onstad, Froelich, Vig

Senators Heckaman, Marcellais, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to provide American Indian bilingual education grants; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. American Indian bilingual education - Grants.**

- 5 1. A school district may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for a grant to
6 pursue American Indian bilingual education. The grant may be used for the
7 development of curriculum and instructional materials, the delivery of instruction,
8 and the support of Indian students in the maintenance of their heritage language
9 while learning English through a bilingual approach.
- 10 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a panel to review each
11 application under this section. The panel must include an individual representing
12 the Indian affairs commission.
- 13 3. The panel may recommend to the superintendent the amount of any grant to be
14 awarded. The superintendent's decision regarding the amount is final.

15 **SECTION 2. American Indian bilingual education - Development of standards.**

16 Representatives of the Indian affairs commission and the tribal colleges shall:

- 17 1. Work with the superintendent of public instruction to develop standards for
18 American Indian bilingual education programs;
- 19 2. Regularly review American Indian bilingual education programs and provide
20 guidance to the superintendent with respect to program administration; and
- 21 3. Encourage the collection and dissemination of data regarding American Indian
22 bilingual education programs.

23 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$450,000, or so much

1 of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of
2 providing American Indian bilingual education grants to school districts, for the biennium
3 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The superintendent of public instruction
4 may retain \$50,000 of the amount appropriated to assist with administrative costs.

5 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much
7 of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of
8 providing grants to tribal colleges engaged in research and development of American Indian
9 bilingual education programs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,
10 2011.