

SENATE BILL NO. 2212

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Fischer, Taylor

Representatives Delmore, N. Johnson, Kingsbury

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-38-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to English language learners; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-38-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-38-02. Program establishment.** The superintendent of public instruction shall:

- 7 1. Appoint a state advisory committee to assist with the establishment and
8 administration of English language learner programs and the state English
9 language proficiency assessment;
- 10 2. Establish standards for English language learner programs;
- 11 3. Establish maximum student caseloads for English language learner teachers;
- 12 ~~4.~~ 4. Ensure that the English language learner programs use effective research-based
13 methods to teach the students;
- 14 ~~4.~~ ~~5.~~ 5. Assist school districts with the development and administration of English language
15 learner programs and services;
- 16 ~~5.~~ ~~6.~~ 6. Employ a program administrator and other necessary personnel; and
- 17 ~~6.~~ ~~7.~~ 7. Coordinate federal, state, and local funding to maximize the services available to
18 students.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
20 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so much
21 of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of
22 providing English language learner grants to regional education associations, for the biennium
23 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. Each regional education association in this
24 state may apply to the superintendent for a grant in an amount not exceeding \$25,000. An

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- 1 association may use the grant to purchase or otherwise acquire instructional materials for the
- 2 enhancement of English language learner services to students in the association's participating
- 3 districts and to provide professional development opportunities for teachers of English language
- 4 learners.