

Introduced by

Representatives Haak, Hawken, N. Johnson, Hogan

Senators Poolman, Triplett

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for head start programs.

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

3 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
4 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$6,150,000, or so much of the
5 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing
6 grants to head start programs in this state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending
7 June 30, 2015.

8 1. The head start state collaboration administrator shall award grants under this section
9 based on an application and criteria that include:

10 a. The number of low-income or at-risk children and families that a program can
11 serve;

12 b. A program's design, service area, and accessibility to eligible children and
13 families;

14 c. A program's coordination and interaction with licensed child care programs and
15 public and nonpublic schools; and

16 d. Proposals for innovative ways of addressing identified needs of eligible children
17 and families.

18 2. The department shall monitor and provide oversight of all grant recipients.

19 3. This appropriation does not create eligibility entitlements.