

April 1, 2013

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1356

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide an appropriation for early childhood education grants; and to provide for a transfer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the early childhood education fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,600,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of providing annual early childhood education grants to eligible school districts, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

1. Any school district offering a program of early childhood education, approved in accordance with section 15.1-37-01, is eligible to receive a grant under this section.
2. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide for an annual application process and shall select award recipients. The selection process must take into account the geographic distribution of recipients, the district's service area, the general economic circumstances within the service area, and the district's current or anticipated financial commitment to providing early childhood education.
3. A school district may not receive more than \$100,000 annually under this section.
4. As a condition of receiving an early childhood education grant, a school district shall commit to maintaining a full-time equivalent student-teacher ratio of ten-to-one or sixteen-to-one if the teacher is assisted by a full-time classroom aide.
5. As a condition of receiving an early childhood education grant, a school district shall commit to utilizing the PowerSchool information system and to providing data to the superintendent of public instruction at the time and in the manner requested by the superintendent.
6. The superintendent of public instruction shall monitor the grant recipients, compile data regarding the recipients' provision of early childhood education, and report any findings and recommendations to the legislative management.

SECTION 2. TRANSFER. Notwithstanding section 15.1-27-22.1, if any moneys remain in the grants - state school aid line item after the superintendent of public instruction complies with all statutory payment obligations imposed for the 2011-13 biennium, the superintendent shall transfer the first \$2,600,000 to the early childhood education fund in the state treasury. Moneys in the early childhood education fund are not subject to section 54-44.1-11."

Renumber accordingly