

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-07-29 and 15.1-27-35.3, subsection 6 of
2 section 15.1-36-06, and subdivision a of subsection 5 of section 15.1-36-08 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code, relating to the elimination of school district ending fund balance carryforward
4 limitations, deductions from state aid formula payments, and school construction loan amounts;
5 and to declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **15.1-07-29. Ending fund balance ~~Amount.~~**

- 10 4. The board of a school district may carry over moneys to the ensuing fiscal year to
11 meet the cash requirements of all funds or purposes to which the credit of the school
12 district may be legally extended.
- 13 2. ~~For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2003, and ending on December 31,~~
14 ~~2007, the amount carried over by a school district may not exceed fifty percent of the~~
15 ~~current annual budget for all purposes other than debt retirement and amounts~~
16 ~~financed from bond sources plus twenty thousand dollars.~~
- 17 3. ~~For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007, the amount carried over by a~~
18 ~~school district may not exceed forty-five percent of the current annual budget for all~~
19 ~~purposes other than debt retirement and amounts financed from bond sources plus~~
20 ~~twenty thousand dollars.~~

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-35.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15.1-27-35.3. Payments to school districts - Unobligated general fund balance.**

2 1. a. ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments~~
3 ~~due a school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the~~
4 ~~unobligated general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is~~
5 ~~in excess of forty percent of its actual expenditures, plus twenty thousand dollars.~~

6 b. Except as provided in subdivision c, ~~beginning July 1, 2017,~~b the superintendent
7 of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments due to a school
8 district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the unobligated general
9 fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is in excess of
10 thirty-five percent of its actual expenditures, plus fifty thousand dollars.

11 e. ~~Beginning July 1, 2017, the~~

12 b. The superintendent of public instruction shall determine the amount of payments
13 due to a school district and shall subtract from that the amount by which the
14 unobligated general fund balance of the district on the preceding June thirtieth is
15 in excess of thirty-five percent of its actual expenditures, plus one hundred
16 thousand dollars if the school district is in a cooperative agreement with another
17 school district to share academic resources, and the school districts are
18 considering reorganization under chapter 15.1-12. An eligible school district may
19 receive payments under this provision for a maximum of two years.

20 2. For purposes of this section, a district's unobligated general fund balance includes all
21 moneys in the district's miscellaneous fund, as established under section 57-15-14.2,
22 but does not include federal impact aid funding.

23 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 6 of section 15.1-36-06 of the North Dakota
24 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

25 6. If a school district's unobligated general fund balance on the preceding June thirtieth
26 exceeds the ~~limitation~~amount set forth under section 15.1-27-35.3, the loan amount to
27 which that district is entitled under this section may not exceed eighty percent of the
28 project's cost.

29 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 5 of section 15.1-36-08 of the
30 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1 a. The maximum loan amount for which a school district may qualify is ten million
2 dollars. However, if a school district's unobligated general fund balance on the
3 preceding June thirtieth exceeds the ~~limitation~~amount under section
4 15.1-27-35.3, the loan amount under this section may not exceed eighty percent
5 of the project's cost up to a maximum loan amount of eight million dollars;

6 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.