

SENATE BILL NO. 2354

Introduced by

Senator Luick

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through third
3 grade teachers who teach students a foreign language.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Curriculum - Kindergarten through third grade - Foreign language - Pilot program.**

8 Beginning with the 2023-24 school year and continuing through the 2024-25 school year,
9 the superintendent of public instruction shall establish and operate a pilot program to provide
10 annual stipends to kindergarten through third grade teachers who provide students instruction in
11 a foreign language. Stipends awarded under the program may not exceed two thousand five
12 hundred dollars per teacher per year. The superintendent shall develop the requirements and
13 procedures for a teacher to participate in the program.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - TEACHER**
15 **STIPENDS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
16 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
17 the department of public instruction for the purpose of creating a pilot program to provide
18 stipends for kindergarten through third grade teachers who teach students a foreign language,
19 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.