

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2155
(Senator Oehlke)
(Representatives D. Johnson, Hofstad)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for grants to assist certain institutions of higher education with the cost of interpreters and real-time captioning for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota school for the deaf for the purpose of providing grants to assist institutions under the control of the state board of higher education with the cost of interpreters and real-time captioning for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. Moneys appropriated under this section are not subject to section 54-44.1-11.

SECTION 2. USE OF FUNDS.

1. The school for the deaf shall develop a formula to determine the grant amount for which an institution is eligible. The formula must be based on a uniform hourly reimbursement.
2. To obtain a grant under section 1 of this Act, an institution shall submit to the school for the deaf, at the time and in the manner directed by the school, invoices showing the amount expended for interpreters and real-time captioning for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
3. The school for the deaf may not distribute more than fifty percent of the amount appropriated during the first year of the biennium.
4. If any grant moneys remain undistributed at the end of the biennium, the school for the deaf shall provide additional prorated grants to institutions that incurred, during the biennium, hourly expenses in excess of the formula reimbursement level.
5. At the request of an institution under the control of the state board of higher education, the school for the deaf shall consult with the institution and provide advice regarding the provision of services most appropriate to meet a student's needs.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2155.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 50 Nays 39 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State