

Introduced by

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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 \$4,900, or so much of the sum  
5 as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing grants  
6 to head start programs in this state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending  
7 June 30, 2017.

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.