

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2013

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 public instruction, the state library, the school for the deaf, and the North Dakota vision  
3 services - school for the blind; to amend and reenact sections 15-10-38, 15.1-02-02,  
4 15.1-37-05, 15.1-37-06, and 15.1-37-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a student  
5 loan forgiveness program for teachers, the salary of the superintendent of public instruction,  
6 early childhood education providers, the distribution of early childhood education provider  
7 grants, and early childhood education provider data collection; to provide for a report to the  
8 legislative assembly; to provide exemptions; and to declare an emergency.

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

10 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
11 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
12 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
13 other income, to the department of public instruction, the state library, the school for the deaf,  
14 and North Dakota vision services - school for the blind for the purpose of defraying the  
15 expenses of those agencies, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30,  
16 2021, as follows:

17 Subdivision 1.

18 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
21 Salaries and wages	\$17,439,176	\$502,280	\$17,941,456
22 Operating expenses	30,165,005	2,004,942	32,169,947
23 Integrated formula payments	1,750,204,163	356,441,891	2,106,646,054
24 Grants - special education	19,300,000	5,700,000	25,000,000

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1	Grants - transportation	55,400,000	500,000	55,900,000
2	Grants - other grants	254,062,705	33,000,000	287,062,705
3	Grants - program grants	6,210,000	3,406,711	9,616,711
4	Grants - passthrough grants	2,898,000	(48,660)	2,849,340
5	PowerSchool	5,500,000	0	5,500,000
6	Transportation efficiency	30,000	(30,000)	0
7	National board certification	<u>120,000</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>108,000</u>
8	Total all funds	\$2,141,329,049	\$401,465,164	\$2,542,794,213
9	Less estimated income	<u>705,727,065</u>	<u>108,815,319</u>	<u>814,542,384</u>
10	Total general fund	\$1,435,601,984	\$292,649,845	\$1,728,251,829
11	Full-time equivalent positions	91.75	(3.00)	88.75

Subdivision 2.

STATE LIBRARY

14			Adjustments or	
15		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
16	Salaries and wages	\$4,152,758	\$115,434	\$4,268,192
17	Operating expenses	1,604,075	17,842	1,621,917
18	Grants	<u>2,109,028</u>	<u>124,500</u>	<u>2,233,528</u>
19	Total all funds	\$7,865,861	\$257,776	\$8,123,637
20	Less estimated income	<u>2,247,560</u>	<u>119,886</u>	<u>2,367,446</u>
21	Total general fund	\$5,618,301	\$137,890	\$5,756,191
22	Full-time equivalent positions	28.75	(1.00)	27.75

Subdivision 3.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

25			Adjustments or	
26		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
27	Salaries and wages	\$7,588,749	\$432,098	\$8,020,847
28	Operating expenses	2,026,543	(320,957)	1,705,586
29	Capital assets	158,678	270,000	428,678
30	Grants	<u>180,000</u>	<u>(140,000)</u>	<u>40,000</u>
31	Total all funds	\$9,953,970	\$241,141	\$10,195,111

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1	Less estimated income	<u>2,465,444</u>	<u>231,752</u>	<u>2,697,196</u>
2	Total general fund	\$7,488,526	\$9,389	\$7,497,915
3	Full-time equivalent positions	45.61	(1.00)	44.61
4	Subdivision 4.			
5	NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND			
6			Adjustments or	
7		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
8	Salaries and wages	\$4,660,995	\$253,761	\$4,914,756
9	Operating expenses	773,206	42,615	815,821
10	Capital assets	<u>39,192</u>	<u>260,500</u>	<u>299,692</u>
11	Total all funds	\$5,473,393	\$556,876	\$6,030,269
12	Less estimated income	<u>1,079,247</u>	<u>251,746</u>	<u>1,330,993</u>
13	Total general fund	\$4,394,146	\$305,130	\$4,699,276
14	Full-time equivalent positions	28.50	(0.60)	27.90

15 Subdivision 5.

16 BILL TOTAL

17			Adjustments or	
18		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
19	Grand total general fund	\$1,453,102,957	\$293,102,254	\$1,746,205,211
20	Grand total special funds	<u>711,519,316</u>	<u>109,418,703</u>	<u>820,938,019</u>
21	Grand total all funds	\$2,164,622,273	\$402,520,957	\$2,567,143,230

22 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

23 **SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time

24 funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the

25 2019-21 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

26	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
27	Department of public instruction		
28	Regional education association merger grants	\$100,000	\$0
29	North Dakota governor's school science, technology,	220,000	0
30	engineering, and mathematics programs		
31	English language learner grants	500,000	0

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1	Rapid enrollment grants	6,000,000	0
2	Integrated formula payments	185,000,000	0
3	State school aid formula rewrite	<u>0</u>	<u>200,000</u>
4	Total department of public instruction -	\$191,820,000	\$200,000
5	all funds		
6	Total department of public instruction -	<u>191,820,000</u>	<u>0</u>
7	estimated income		
8	Total department of public instruction -	\$0	\$200,000
9	general fund		
10	School for the deaf		
11	Extraordinary repairs	\$675,000	\$250,000
12	Equipment	28,000	20,000
13	Video equipment and software	<u>30,000</u>	<u>0</u>
14	Total school for the deaf - estimated income	\$733,000	\$270,000
15	North Dakota vision services - school for the blind		
16	Special assessments payoff	\$10,000	\$0
17	Heating and cooling upgrade	35,500	0
18	Replace water line	60,000	0
19	Carpet and reception upgrade	30,000	0
20	West wing roof repair	0	39,000
21	Other repairs	0	18,500
22	Daily living skills area remodel	0	25,000
23	South wing restroom remodel	0	120,000
24	Garage door replacement	0	16,000
25	Gymnasium floor replacement	0	42,000
26	Adaptive technology equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>
27	Total school for the blind - estimated income	\$135,500	\$280,500
28	Grand total - all funds	\$192,688,500	\$750,500
29	Grand total - estimated income	<u>192,688,500</u>	<u>550,500</u>
30	Grand total - general fund	\$0	\$200,000

1 The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget  
2 for the 2021-23 biennium. The department of public instruction, school for the deaf, and North  
3 Dakota vision services - school for the blind shall report to the appropriations committees of the  
4 sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
5 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

6 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ESTIMATED INCOME - TUITION APPORTIONMENT.**

7 The sum of \$379,764,000, included in the integrated formula payments line item in  
8 subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the state tuition fund in the state treasury. Any  
9 additional amount in the state tuition fund that becomes available for distribution to public  
10 schools is appropriated to the department of public instruction for that purpose for the biennium  
11 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

12 **SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - FOUNDATION AID STABILIZATION FUND.** The  
13 estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$110,000,000 from  
14 the foundation aid stabilization fund in the state treasury for integrated formula payments for the  
15 biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

16 **SECTION 5. EXEMPTION - FUNDING TRANSFER - AUTHORIZATION.** Notwithstanding  
17 section 54-16-04, the superintendent of public instruction may transfer up to \$4,000,000 from  
18 the integrated formula payments line item to the grants - special education line item, for the  
19 biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, for the purposes of providing  
20 special education grants. The superintendent of public instruction shall notify the office of  
21 management and budget of any transfer made pursuant to this section.

22 **SECTION 6. INTEGRATED FORMULA PAYMENTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

23 **CONTRACTS EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.** The superintendent of public instruction may  
24 expend funds included in the integrated formula payments and grants - special education  
25 contracts line items in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act for paying grants for educational  
26 services that were due in the 2017-19 biennium but which were not filed, claimed, or properly  
27 supported by the education provider until after June 30, 2019. To be reimbursed under this  
28 section, claims must be properly supported and filed with the superintendent of public  
29 instruction by June 30, 2020.

30 **SECTION 7. GRANTS - SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIENCY AUTHORIZATION.** If funds  
31 provided to the superintendent of public instruction in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act for

1 grants - special education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021,  
2 are not sufficient to meet special education contract obligations, the superintendent of public  
3 instruction shall request supplemental funding from the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

4 **SECTION 8. GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM - MEDICAID MATCHING FUNDING -**  
5 **DISTRIBUTION.**

- 6 1. The sum of \$800,000, included in the integrated formula payments line item in  
7 subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, must be distributed to reimburse school districts  
8 or special education units for gifted and talented programs upon the submission of an  
9 application that is approved in accordance with guidelines adopted by the  
10 superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
11 encourage cooperative efforts for gifted and talented programs among school districts  
12 and special education units.
- 13 2. State school aid payments for special education must be reduced by the amount of  
14 matching funds required to be paid by school districts or special education units for  
15 students participating in the Medicaid program. Special education funds equal to the  
16 amount of the matching funds required to be paid by the school district or special  
17 education unit must be paid by the superintendent of public instruction to the  
18 department of human services on behalf of the school district or unit.

19 **SECTION 9. TRANSPORTATION GRANTS - DISTRIBUTION.**

- 20 1. During each year of the 2019-21 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction  
21 shall calculate the payment to which each school district is entitled based on the state  
22 transportation formula as it existed on June 30, 2001, except that the superintendent  
23 shall provide reimbursement at the rate of:
- 24 a. One dollar and nine cents per mile for school buses having a capacity of ten or  
25 more passengers;
- 26 b. Fifty-one cents per mile for vehicles having a capacity of nine or fewer  
27 passengers;
- 28 c. Fifty cents per mile, provided;
- 29 (1) The student being transported is a student with a disability, as defined in  
30 chapter 15.1-32;

- 1 (2) The student's individualized education program plan requires that the  
2 student attend a public or a nonpublic school located outside the student's  
3 school district of residence;
- 4 (3) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;
- 5 (4) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;
- 6 (5) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents; and
- 7 (6) The reimbursement does not exceed two round trips daily between the  
8 student's home and school.
- 9 d. Fifty cents per mile, one way, provided:
  - 10 (1) The student being transported resides more than two miles from the public  
11 school that the student attends;
  - 12 (2) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;
  - 13 (3) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;  
14 and
  - 15 (4) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents.
- 16 e. Twenty-nine cents per student for each one-way trip.
- 17 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall use the latest available student  
18 enrollment count in each school district in applying the provisions of subsection 1.
- 19 3. This section does not authorize the reimbursement of any costs incurred in providing  
20 transportation for student attendance at extracurricular activities or events.

21 **SECTION 10. PROGRAM GRANT POOL - CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS -**

22 **FUNDING - DISTRIBUTION.** The grants - program grants line item in subdivision 1 of section 1  
23 of this Act includes \$2,136,711 for a program grant pool. The superintendent of public  
24 instruction shall use the funding provided for various grant programs, including up to \$125,000,  
25 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, for continuing education grants, for the biennium  
26 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

- 27 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall award grants in amounts up to \$1,200 to  
28 eligible recipients in chronological order, based on the date of an individual's  
29 application. An eligible recipient must:
  - 30 a. (1) Be licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;
  - 31 (2) Have taught in this state during each of the last three school years; and

- 1                   (3) Be enrolled at an institution of higher education in this state in either a  
2                   master of education program in educational leadership or a program leading  
3                   to a specialist diploma in educational leadership;  
4            b. Be pursuing the requirements for a certificate in career development facilitation;  
5                   or  
6            c. Be pursuing a school counselor credential.
- 7            2. If any of the amount appropriated for this purpose remains after the superintendent of  
8            public instruction has awarded grants to all eligible recipients, the superintendent shall  
9            distribute that amount as an additional per student payment on a prorated basis,  
10           according to the latest available average daily membership of each school district.

11           **SECTION 11. PASSTHROUGH GRANTS - APPLICATION - DISTRIBUTION -**

12   **REPORTING.** The grants - passthrough grants line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act  
13 includes \$2,215,764 for passthrough grants for writing projects, an entrepreneur program,  
14 governor's school, and a mentoring program. The superintendent of public instruction shall  
15 determine the manner in which each passthrough grant is distributed. Grantees, as a condition  
16 of receiving the grant, must establish performance measures to be reviewed by the  
17 superintendent of public instruction. Grantees shall report to the superintendent of public  
18 instruction regarding performance based on the measures before October 1, 2020. The  
19 superintendent of public instruction shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-  
20 seventh legislative assembly regarding funds granted, performance measures established for  
21 each grantee, and whether grantees met performance expectations.

22           **SECTION 12. REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS - GRANTS- DISTRIBUTION.**

23 The integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes  
24 \$500,000 from the general fund for the purpose of providing annual grants to regional education  
25 associations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. An annual  
26 grant of \$31,250 is provided to each regional education association that exists as of July 1,  
27 2019. Regional education associations that merge during the 2019-21 biennium are entitled to  
28 the annual grants that would have been paid to each of the member associations.

29           **SECTION 13. EXEMPTION - INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION.** Notwithstanding section

30 54-44.1-15, the department of public instruction may deposit indirect cost recoveries in its  
31 operating account.



1       **SECTION 14. STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** The grants line item in subdivision 2 of  
2 section 1 of this Act includes \$1,737,528 for aid to public libraries, of which no more than one-  
3 half may be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

4       **SECTION 15. EXEMPTION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - HIGHER EDUCATION**

5       **INTERPRETER GRANT PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION.** The grants line item in subdivision 3 of  
6 section 1 of this Act is for the purpose of providing grants to assist institutions under the control  
7 of the state board of higher education with the cost of interpreters and real-time captioning for  
8 students who are deaf or hard of hearing, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending  
9 June 30, 2021. Moneys appropriated for this program are not subject to section 54-44.1-11.

10 Funds must be distributed pursuant to the provisions of this section:

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

26       **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28       **15-10-38. Loans - Teacher shortages - Loan forgiveness.**

- 29       1. ~~The state board of higher education~~superintendent of public instruction shall  
30       administer a student loan forgiveness program for individuals teaching at grade levels,  
31       in content areas, and in geographical locations identified as having a teacher shortage

- 1 or critical need. The ~~board~~superintendent of public instruction may approve loan  
2 forgiveness for no more than two teachers per year in a school district. The  
3 ~~board~~superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to implement the program.
- 4 2. The superintendent of public instruction annually shall identify grade levels, content  
5 areas, and geographical locations in which a teacher shortage or critical need exists.
- 6 3. To be eligible for loan forgiveness under this section, an individual:
- 7 a. Must have graduated from an accredited teacher preparation program and  
8 signed a contract to teach at a grade level or in a content area and in a  
9 geographical location identified by the superintendent of public instruction as  
10 having an existing teacher shortage or critical need; and
- 11 b. Must have an existing student loan.
- 12 4. For purposes of this section, the definitions of rural school district and remote town  
13 school district have the same meaning as the definitions under the national center for  
14 education statistics locale codes.
- 15 5. If an individual is receiving loan forgiveness under any other provision, the individual  
16 may not receive loan forgiveness under this section during the same application year.
- 17 6. An eligible individual may receive loan forgiveness under the program as follows:
- 18 a. If the individual accepts one of up to five positions of critical need in a nonrural  
19 school district or nonremote town school district, the individual may receive up to  
20 three thousand dollars per year for a maximum of four years.
- 21 b. If the individual accepts a position in a rural school district or remote town school  
22 district with an enrollment of fewer than one thousand students, the individual  
23 may receive up to four thousand five hundred dollars per year for a maximum of  
24 four years.
- 25 c. If the individual accepts one of up to five positions of critical need in a rural  
26 school district or remote town school district with an enrollment of fewer than one  
27 thousand students, the individual may receive up to six thousand five hundred  
28 dollars per year for a maximum of four years.
- 29 7. The superintendent of public instruction shall consider all applications under this  
30 section based on the number of unfilled school vacancies, prioritized by critical need  
31 and geographic location.

1           8.    Upon notification the individual has completed a full year of teaching in a school  
2           district, state-supported school, or nonpublic school in this state at a grade level or in a  
3           content area and in a geographical location identified by the superintendent of public  
4           instruction as one in which a teacher shortage or critical need exists, the  
5           ~~boardsuperintendent of public instruction~~ shall distribute funds directly to the lending  
6           institution of the individual to repay outstanding loan principal balances on behalf of  
7           eligible applicants. The ~~boardsuperintendent of public instruction~~ shall terminate loan  
8           forgiveness payments to eligible individuals when the loan principal balance of the  
9           eligible individual is paid in full.

10          **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12          **15.1-02-02. Salary.**

13          The annual salary of the superintendent of public instruction is ~~one hundred sixteen~~  
14 ~~thousand nine hundred three dollars through June 30, 2016, and one hundred twenty thousand~~  
15 ~~four hundred ten dollars thereafter~~one hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred eighteen  
16 dollars through June 30, 2020, and one hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred three dollars  
17 thereafter.

18          **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20          **15.1-37-05. Early childhood education providers - Coalition - Eligibility.**

- 21          1.    The superintendent of a school district shall invite all public and private providers of  
22           early childhood education services within the district to meet, in order to:
- 23           a.    Initiate the identification of all available options for cost-effectively maximizing the  
24           provision of early childhood education services within the district;
- 25           b.    Address the coordinated utilization of facilities, personnel, and transportation, for  
26           the provision of early childhood education services within the district; and
- 27           c.    (1)   Form a coalition of early childhood education service providers; and  
28                (2)   Provide for the selection of a coalition governing board.
- 29          2.    The board of the school district in which the coalition of service providers is located  
30           shall provide advice and guidance to the coalition in all matters pertaining to this  
31           section through section 15.1-37-08.

- 1           3. Any early childhood service provider who agrees to participate in the coalition or on its  
2 governing board may submit an application to the ~~department of~~  
3 ~~commerce~~superintendent of public instruction for a grant under this section, provided  
4 the governing board certifies to the ~~department~~superintendent that the provider:
- 5           a. Is a participating member in the coalition or on the governing board.  
6           b. Operates an early childhood education program that:  
7               (1) Is approved in accordance with section 15.1-37-01; and  
8               (2) Incorporates within its curriculum at least ten hours of research-based  
9                   parental involvement.  
10           c. Has documented the provider's willingness to admit children of all learning  
11               abilities into the early childhood education program.

12           **SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14           **15.1-37-06. Receipt and distribution of grants - Notification.**

- 15           1. a. The ~~department of commerce~~superintendent of public instruction shall receive  
16 applications for and distribute grants under this section to eligible members,  
17 including governing board members, of a consortium formed in accordance with  
18 section 15.1-37-05, in the amount of two thousand dollars for each child enrolled  
19 in a program of early childhood education, if the child is eligible for free lunches  
20 under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act [42 U.S.C. 1751, et  
21 seq.], and one thousand dollars for each child enrolled in a program of early  
22 childhood education, if the child is eligible for reduced lunches under the Richard  
23 B. Russell National School Lunch Act [42 U.S.C. 1751, et seq.], provided:
- 24               (1) The child is a resident of this state;  
25               (2) The child has reached four years of age before August first in the year of  
26                   enrollment; and  
27               (3) The program has a duration of at least four hundred hours over a period of  
28                   at least thirty-two consecutive weeks.
- 29           b. A child enrolled in a federally funded head start program may not be counted for  
30 the purpose of determining grant eligibility under this section.

- 1           2.   a.   Once each calendar quarter, at the time and in the manner required by the  
2                   ~~department of commerce~~superintendent of public instruction, any provider  
3                   receiving a grant under this section shall forward to the parent of each child  
4                   receiving services a notice indicating the total amount of the grant that was  
5                   awarded to the provider for the quarter, the pro rata amount attributable to the  
6                   parent's child, and the source of the grant. The ~~department of-~~  
7                   ~~commerce~~superintendent of public instruction shall standardize the notification  
8                   required by this subdivision.
- 9           b.   If a provider fails to meet the notification requirements of this subsection, the  
10                  ~~department of commerce~~superintendent of public instruction shall reduce the  
11                  amount of the provider's next grant payment by fifty percent. If a provider fails to  
12                  meet the notification requirements of this section a second time, the ~~department-~~  
13                  ~~of commerce~~superintendent of public instruction shall determine that the provider  
14                  is ineligible to participate in the grant program for a period of one year.

15           **SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16   amended and reenacted as follows:

17           **15.1-37-08. Data collection - Requirements.**

18           The superintendent of public instruction, ~~with the advice and consent of the department of~~  
19   ~~commerce~~, shall implement a uniform system for the accounting, budgeting, and reporting of  
20   data by any early childhood education provider to whom or to which grants are distributed in  
21   accordance with section 15.1-37-06. Grants may be withheld or forfeited, in whole or in part, if  
22   information required in accordance with this section is not submitted at the time or in the  
23   manner requested by the superintendent.

24           **SECTION 21. EMERGENCY.** Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency  
25   measure.