

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 57-36 of the North Dakota~~
 2 ~~Century Code, relating to a reading program grant fund and a school Medicaid matching grant~~
 3 ~~fund; to amend and reenact section 57-36-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the~~
 4 ~~allocation of cigarette taxes; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an effective~~
 5 ~~date:~~ for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of human services to provide
 6 grants to school districts for student behavioral health needs.

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

8 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-36-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
 9 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

10 ~~— **57-36-31. Transfer and allocation of revenues – Appropriation.**~~

11 ~~— 1. All moneys received by the tax commissioner under the provisions of this chapter must~~
 12 ~~be transmitted to the state treasurer at the end of each month and deposited in the~~
 13 ~~state treasury to the credit of the general fund, except as hereinafter provided.~~

14 ~~— 2. All moneys received from the levy and assessment of one and one-half mills on each~~
 15 ~~of the classes of cigarettes provided in this chapter are appropriated and must be~~
 16 ~~distributed on or before the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December of~~
 17 ~~each year on a per capita basis to the incorporated cities for such~~the ~~purposes as are~~
 18 ~~now or may be hereafter authorized by law, the allocation to be based upon the~~
 19 ~~population of each incorporated city according to the last official federal census, or the~~
 20 ~~census taken in accordance with the provisions of chapter 40-02 in the case of a city~~
 21 ~~incorporated subsequent to the last federal census, and warrants must be drawn~~
 22 ~~payable to the treasurers of such~~those ~~cities.~~

23 ~~— 3. Each biennium all moneys received from ten of the seventeen mills levied and~~
 24 ~~assessed on each cigarette under section 57-36-32 must be distributed as follows:~~

1 ~~_____ a. Two hundred thousand dollars to the reading program grant fund;~~

2 ~~_____ b. Three million dollars to the school medicaid matching grant fund; and~~

3 ~~_____ c. Any additional revenues to the general fund.~~

4 ~~_____ **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 57-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
5 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

6 ~~_____ **Reading program grant fund - Department of commerce - Continuing appropriation.**~~

7 ~~_____ There is created in the state treasury the reading program grant fund. The fund consists of~~
8 ~~all moneys deposited in the fund under section 57-36-31. All moneys in the fund are~~
9 ~~appropriated to the department of commerce on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing~~
10 ~~grants to an organization in the state to promote reading fundamentals.~~

11 ~~_____ **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 57-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
12 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

13 ~~_____ **School Medicaid matching grant fund - Department of public instruction - Continuing**~~
14 ~~**appropriation.**~~

15 ~~_____ There is created in the state treasury the school Medicaid matching grant fund. The fund~~
16 ~~consists of all moneys deposited in the fund under section 57-36-31. All moneys in the fund are~~
17 ~~appropriated to the department of public instruction on a continuing basis for the purpose of~~
18 ~~providing grants to schools as matching funds for Medicaid payments.~~

19 ~~_____ **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 1 of this Act is effective for taxable events~~
20 ~~occurring after June 30, 2019.~~

21 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
22 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,300,000, or so much of the
23 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing
24 grants to school districts to address student behavioral health needs, for the biennium
25 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. To be eligible to receive a grant, a school
26 district must submit a plan to the department detailing the school district's collaboration with
27 other school districts in the region regarding student behavioral health needs and the use of
28 grant funding to develop student behavioral health interventions. A grant to an eligible school
29 district is limited to an amount equal to the nonfederal portion of Medicaid reimbursement
30 received by the school during the preceding school year.