

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2346

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-27-02, 15.1-27-04.1, 15.1-27-04.2, and
2 57-15-01.1, subsection 1 of section 57-15-14, section 57-15-14.2, and subdivision c of
3 subsection 1 of section 57-20-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required
4 reports, the determination of state aid payments, school district levy authority, and an increase
5 in the rate of state sales and use tax; to repeal sections 15.1-27-04.3, 15.1-27-15.1, and
6 15.1-27-20.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to adjustments to state aid payments;
7 to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date.

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

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **15.1-27-02. Per student payments - Required reports.**

- 12 1. The superintendent of public instruction may not forward state aid payments to a
13 school district beyond the September payment unless the district has filed the
14 September tenth fall enrollment report with the superintendent.
- 15 2. The superintendent of public instruction may not forward state aid payments to a
16 school district beyond the October payment unless the district has filed the following
17 with the superintendent:
 - 18 a. The June thirtieth student membership and attendance report;
 - 19 b. An annual school district financial report; and
 - 20 c. The personnel report forms for licensed and nonlicensed employees.
- 21 3. On or before December fifteenth, each school district shall file with the superintendent
22 of public instruction the taxable valuation and mill levy certifications, which must be
23 separated by property classification. If a district fails to file the taxable valuation and
24 mill levy certifications by the required date, the superintendent of public instruction

1 may not forward to the district any state aid payments to which the district is entitled,
2 until the taxable valuation and mill levy certifications are filed.

3 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **15.1-27-04.1. Baseline funding - Establishment - Determination of state aid. (Effective-**
6 **through June 30, 2025)**

- 7 ~~1. To determine the amount of state aid payable to each district, the superintendent of~~
8 ~~public instruction shall establish each district's baseline funding. A district's baseline~~
9 ~~funding consists of:~~
- 10 ~~a. All state aid received by the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27 during the~~
11 ~~2018-19 school year;~~
- 12 ~~b. An amount equal to the property tax deducted by the superintendent of public~~
13 ~~instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment;~~
- 14 ~~e. An amount equal to seventy-five percent of the revenue received by the school~~
15 ~~district during the 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:~~
- 16 ~~(1) Revenue reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district~~
17 ~~financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the~~
18 ~~superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08;~~
- 19 ~~(2) Mineral revenue received by the school district through direct allocation from~~
20 ~~the state treasurer and not reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota~~
21 ~~school district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by~~
22 ~~the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section~~
23 ~~15.1-02-08;~~
- 24 ~~(3) Tuition reported under code 1300 of the North Dakota school district~~
25 ~~financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the~~
26 ~~superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08,~~
27 ~~with the exception of revenue received specifically for the operation of an~~
28 ~~educational program provided at a residential treatment facility, tuition~~
29 ~~received for the provision of an adult farm management program, and~~
30 ~~beginning in the 2021-22 school year, seventeen percent of tuition received~~
31 ~~under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an~~

1 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid, and an
2 additional seventeen percent of tuition received under an agreement to
3 educate students from a school district on an air force base with funding
4 received through federal impact aid each school year thereafter, until the
5 2024-25 school year when sixty-eight percent of tuition received under an
6 agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force base
7 with funding received through federal impact aid must be excluded from the
8 tuition calculation under this paragraph;

9 (4) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on the distribution and transmission
10 of electric power;

11 (5) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on electricity generated from
12 sources other than coal; and

13 (6) Revenue from the leasing of land acquired by the United States for which
14 compensation is allocated to the state under 33 U.S.C. 701(c)(3);

15 d. An amount equal to the total revenue received by the school district during the
16 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:

17 (1) Mobile home tax revenue;

18 (2) Telecommunications tax revenue; and

19 (3) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of the
20 homestead credit and disabled veterans credit; and

21 e. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall reduce the
22 baseline funding for any school district that becomes an elementary district
23 pursuant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2012-13 school year. The reduction must
24 be proportional to the number of weighted student units in the grades that are
25 offered through another school district relative to the total number of weighted
26 student units the school district offered in the year before the school district
27 became an elementary district. The reduced baseline funding applies to the
28 calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the school district
29 becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter. For districts that
30 become an elementary district prior to the 2020-21 school year, the

1 superintendent shall use the reduced baseline funding to calculate state aid for
2 the 2020-21 school year and for each year thereafter.

3 2. a. The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
4 subsection 1 by the district's 2017-18 weighted student units to determine the
5 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit.

6 b. For any school district that becomes an elementary district pursuant to section
7 15.1-07-27 after the 2017-18 school year, the superintendent shall adjust the
8 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit used to calculate state aid.
9 The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
10 subsection 1 by the district's weighted student units after the school district
11 becomes an elementary district to determine the district's adjusted baseline
12 funding per weighted student unit. The superintendent shall use the district's
13 adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit in the calculation of state aid
14 for the first school year in which the school district becomes an elementary
15 district and for each year thereafter.

16 e. Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and for each school year thereafter, the
17 superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student
18 unit. Each year the superintendent shall calculate the amount by which the
19 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the payment per
20 weighted student unit provided in subsection 3. The superintendent shall reduce
21 the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit by fifteen percent of the
22 amount by which the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds
23 the payment per weighted student unit for the 2021-22 school year. For each
24 year thereafter, the reduction percentage is increased by an additional fifteen
25 percent. However, the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, after
26 the reduction, may not be less than the payment per weighted student unit
27 provided in subsection 3.

28 3. a. For the 2021-22 school year, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as the
29 greater of:

30 (1) The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand one hundred
31 thirty-six dollars;

- 1 (2) ~~One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted~~
2 ~~student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's~~
3 ~~weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline~~
4 ~~weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the~~
5 ~~2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand~~
6 ~~one hundred thirty-six dollars; or~~
- 7 (3) ~~The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the~~
8 ~~amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by fifteen percent and~~
9 ~~then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.~~
- 10 b. ~~For the 2022-23 school year and each school year thereafter, the superintendent~~
11 ~~shall calculate state aid as the greater of:~~
- 12 (1) ~~The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand two hundred~~
13 ~~thirty-seven dollars;~~
- 14 (2) ~~One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted~~
15 ~~student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's~~
16 ~~weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline~~
17 ~~weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the~~
18 ~~2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand~~
19 ~~two hundred thirty-seven dollars; or~~
- 20 (3) ~~The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the~~
21 ~~amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by thirty percent for the~~
22 ~~2022-23 school year and the reduction percentage increasing by fifteen~~
23 ~~percent each school year thereafter until the difference is reduced to zero,~~
24 ~~and then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.~~
- 25 e. ~~The superintendent also shall adjust state aid determined in this subsection to~~
26 ~~ensure the amount does not exceed the transition maximum as follows:~~
- 27 (1) ~~For the 2021-22 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred~~
28 ~~ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as~~
29 ~~established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's weighted student~~
30 ~~units from the previous school year.~~

- 1 (2) For the 2022-23 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
2 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
3 established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's weighted student
4 units from the previous school year.
- 5 (3) For the 2023-24 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
6 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
7 established in subsection 2, plus twenty percent of the difference between
8 the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and
9 one hundred ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
10 student unit. The transition maximum is determined by multiplying the
11 transition maximum rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1
12 of subdivision b of this subsection, by the district's weighted student units
13 from the previous school year.
- 14 (4) For the 2024-25 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
15 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
16 established in subsection 2, plus forty percent of the difference between the
17 rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and one hundred
18 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit. The
19 transition maximum is determined by multiplying the transition maximum
20 rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of
21 this subsection, by the district's weighted student units from the previous
22 school year.
- 23 (5) For the 2025-26 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
24 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
25 established in subsection 2, plus sixty percent of the difference between the
26 rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and one hundred
27 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit. The
28 transition maximum is determined by multiplying the transition maximum
29 rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of
30 this subsection, by the district's weighted student units from the previous
31 school year.

1 (6) For the 2026-27 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
2 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
3 established in subsection 2, plus eighty percent of the difference between
4 the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and
5 one hundred ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
6 student unit. The transition maximum is determined by multiplying the
7 transition maximum rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1
8 of subdivision b of this subsection, by the district's weighted student units
9 from the previous school year.

10 4. After determining the product in accordance with subsection 3, the superintendent of
11 public instruction shall:

12 a. Subtract an amount equal to sixty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of the
13 school district, except the amount in dollars subtracted for purposes of this
14 subdivision may not exceed the previous year's amount in dollars subtracted for
15 purposes of this subdivision by more than twelve percent, adjusted pursuant to
16 section 15.1-27-04.3; and

17 b. Subtract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed in
18 subdivisions c and d of subsection 1. Before determining the deduction for
19 seventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public instruction
20 shall adjust revenues as follows:

21 (1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:

22 (a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for the
23 operation of an educational program provided at a residential
24 treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an adult
25 farm management program, and tuition received under an agreement
26 to educate students from a school district on an air force base with
27 funding received through federal impact aid as directed each school
28 year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of subsection 1, the
29 superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total tuition
30 reported by the school district by the amount of tuition revenue
31 received for the education of students not residing in the state and for

1 which the state has not entered a cross-border education contract;

2 and

3 (b) The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total
4 tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements
5 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount
6 of tuition revenue received for the education of students residing in an
7 adjacent school district.

8 (2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the
9 superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types
10 by the percentage of mills levied in 2020 by the school district for sinking
11 and interest relative to the total mills levied in 2020 by the school district for
12 all purposes.

13 5. The amount remaining after the computation required under subsection 4 is the
14 amount of state aid to which a school district is entitled, subject to any other statutory
15 requirements or limitations.

16 6. On or before June thirtieth of each year, the school board shall certify to the
17 superintendent of public instruction the final average daily membership for the current
18 school year.

19 7. For purposes of the calculation in subsection 4, each county auditor, in collaboration
20 with the school districts, shall report the following to the superintendent of public
21 instruction on an annual basis:

22 a. The amount of revenue received by each school district in the county during the
23 previous school year for each type of revenue identified in subdivisions c and d of
24 subsection 1;

25 b. The total number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school
26 district for all purposes; and

27 c. The number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school district
28 for sinking and interest fund purposes.

29 **Baseline funding -- Establishment -- Determination of state aid. (Effective after**
30 **June 30, 2025)**

- 1 1. To determine the amount of state aid payable to each district, the superintendent of
2 public instruction shall establish each district's baseline funding. A district's baseline
3 funding consists of:
- 4 a. All state aid received by the district in accordance with chapter 15.1-27 during the
5 2018-19 school year;
- 6 b. An amount equal to the property tax deducted by the superintendent of public
7 instruction to determine the 2018-19 state aid payment;
- 8 c. An amount equal to seventy-five percent of the revenue received by the school
9 district during the 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:
- 10 (1) Revenue reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota school district
11 financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
12 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08;
- 13 (2) Mineral revenue received by the school district through direct allocation from
14 the state treasurer and not reported under code 2000 of the North Dakota
15 school district financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by
16 the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section
17 15.1-02-08;
- 18 (3) Tuition reported under code 1300 of the North Dakota school district
19 financial accounting and reporting manual, as developed by the
20 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 15.1-02-08,
21 with the exception of revenue:
- 22 (a) Revenue received specifically for the operation of an educational
23 program provided at a residential treatment facility, ~~tuition~~;
- 24 (b) Tuition received for the provision of an adult farm management
25 program; and ~~beginning~~
- 26 (c) Beginning in the:
- 27 [1] 2023-24 school year, fifty-one percent of tuition received under
28 an agreement to educate students from a school district on an
29 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid;

1 [2] 2024-25 school year, sixty-eight percent of tuition received under
2 an agreement to educate students from a school district on an
3 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid;

4 [3] 2025-26 school year, eighty-five percent of tuition received under
5 an agreement to educate students from a school district on an
6 air force base with funding received through federal impact aid,
7 ~~until the; and~~

8 [4] 2026-27 school year, and each school year thereafter, when all
9 tuition received under an agreement to educate students from a
10 school district on an air force base with funding received through
11 federal impact aid ~~must be excluded from the tuition calculation~~
12 ~~under this paragraph;~~

13 (4) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on the distribution and transmission
14 of electric power;

15 (5) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes on electricity generated from
16 sources other than coal; and

17 (6) Revenue from the leasing of land acquired by the United States for which
18 compensation is allocated to the state under 33 U.S.C. 701(c)(3); ~~and~~

19 d. An amount equal to the total revenue received by the school district during the
20 2017-18 school year for the following revenue types:

21 (1) Mobile home tax revenue;

22 (2) Telecommunications tax revenue; and

23 (3) Revenue from payments in lieu of taxes and state reimbursement of the
24 homestead credit and disabled veterans credit; and

25 e. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the superintendent shall reduce the
26 baseline funding for any school district that becomes an elementary district
27 pursuant to section 15.1-07-27 after the 2012-13 school year. The reduction must
28 be proportional to the number of weighted student units in the grades that are
29 offered through another school district relative to the total number of weighted
30 student units the school district offered in the year before the school district
31 became an elementary district. The reduced baseline funding applies to the

1 calculation of state aid for the first school year in which the school district
2 becomes an elementary district and for each year thereafter. For districts that
3 become an elementary district prior to the 2020-21 school year, the
4 superintendent shall use the reduced baseline funding to calculate state aid for
5 the 2020-21 school year and for each year thereafter.

6 2. a. The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
7 subsection 1 by the district's 2017-18 weighted student units to determine the
8 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit.

9 b. For any school district that becomes an elementary district pursuant to section
10 15.1-07-27 after the 2017-18 school year, the superintendent shall adjust the
11 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit used to calculate state aid.
12 The superintendent shall divide the district's baseline funding determined in
13 subsection 1 by the district's weighted student units after the school district
14 becomes an elementary district to determine the district's adjusted baseline
15 funding per weighted student unit. The superintendent shall use the district's
16 adjusted baseline funding per weighted student unit in the calculation of state aid
17 for the first school year in which the school district becomes an elementary
18 district and for each year thereafter.

19 c. Beginning with the 2021-22 school year and for each school year thereafter, the
20 superintendent shall reduce the district's baseline funding per weighted student
21 unit. Each year the superintendent shall calculate the amount by which the
22 district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds the payment per
23 weighted student unit provided in subsection 3. The superintendent shall reduce
24 the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit by fifteen percent of the
25 amount by which the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit exceeds
26 the payment per weighted student unit for the 2021-22 school year. For each
27 year thereafter, the reduction percentage is increased by an additional fifteen
28 percent. However, the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, after
29 the reduction, may not be less than the payment per weighted student unit
30 provided in subsection 3.

- 1 3. a. For the 2021-22 school year, the superintendent shall calculate state aid as the
2 greater of:
- 3 (1) The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand one hundred
4 thirty-six dollars;
- 5 (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
6 student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's
7 weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline
8 weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the
9 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand
10 one hundred thirty-six dollars; or
- 11 (3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
12 amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by fifteen percent and
13 then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.
- 14 b. For the 2022-23 school year and each school year thereafter, the superintendent
15 shall calculate state aid as the greater of:
- 16 (1) The district's weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand two hundred
17 thirty-seven dollars;
- 18 (2) One hundred two percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
19 student unit, as established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's
20 weighted student units, not to exceed the district's 2017-18 baseline
21 weighted student units, plus any weighted student units in excess of the
22 2017-18 baseline weighted student units multiplied by ten thousand
23 two hundred thirty-seven dollars; or
- 24 (3) The district's baseline funding as established in subsection 1 less the
25 amount in paragraph 1, with the difference reduced by thirty percent for the
26 2022-23 school year and the reduction percentage increasing by fifteen
27 percent each school year thereafter until the difference is reduced to zero,
28 and then the difference added to the amount determined in paragraph 1.
- 29 c. The superintendent also shall adjust state aid determined in this subsection to
30 ensure the amount does not exceed the transition maximum as follows:

- 1 (1) ~~For the 2021-22 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred~~
2 ~~ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as~~
3 ~~established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's weighted student~~
4 ~~units from the previous school year.~~
- 5 (2) ~~For the 2022-23 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred~~
6 ~~ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as~~
7 ~~established in subsection 2, multiplied by the district's weighted student~~
8 ~~units from the previous school year.~~
- 9 (3) For the 2023-24 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
10 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
11 established in subsection 2, plus twenty percent of the difference between
12 the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and
13 one hundred ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
14 student unit. The transition maximum is determined by multiplying the
15 transition maximum rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1
16 of subdivision b of this subsection, by the district's weighted student units
17 from the previous school year.
- 18 (4)(2) For the 2024-25 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
19 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
20 established in subsection 2, plus forty percent of the difference between the
21 rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and one hundred
22 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit. The
23 transition maximum is determined by multiplying the transition maximum
24 rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of
25 this subsection, by the district's weighted student units from the previous
26 school year.
- 27 (5)(3) For the 2025-26 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
28 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
29 established in subsection 2, plus sixty percent of the difference between the
30 rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and one hundred
31 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit. The

1 transition maximum is determined by multiplying the transition maximum
2 rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of
3 this subsection, by the district's weighted student units from the previous
4 school year.

5 ~~(6)~~(4) For the 2026-27 school year, the transition maximum rate is one hundred
6 ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted student unit, as
7 established in subsection 2, plus eighty percent of the difference between
8 the rate under paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this subsection and
9 one hundred ten percent of the district's baseline funding per weighted
10 student unit. The transition maximum is determined by multiplying the
11 transition maximum rate, which may not exceed the rate under paragraph 1
12 of subdivision b of this subsection, by the district's weighted student units
13 from the previous school year.

14 4. After determining the product in accordance with subsection 3, the superintendent of
15 public instruction shall:

16 a. Subtract an amount equal to ~~sixty~~thirty mills multiplied by the taxable valuation of
17 agricultural, commercial, and centrally assessed property in the school district;
18 and

19 b. Subtract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed in
20 subdivisions c and d of subsection 1. Before determining the deduction for
21 seventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public instruction
22 shall adjust revenues as follows:

23 (1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:

24 (a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for the
25 operation of an educational program provided at a residential
26 treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an adult
27 farm management program, and tuition received under an agreement
28 to educate students from a school district on an air force base with
29 funding received through federal impact aid as directed each school
30 year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of subsection 1, the
31 superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total tuition

1 reported by the school district by the amount of tuition revenue
2 received for the education of students not residing in the state and for
3 which the state has not entered a cross-border education contract;
4 and

5 (b) The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total
6 tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements
7 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount
8 of tuition revenue received for the education of students residing in an
9 adjacent school district.

10 (2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in ~~paragraph 4~~subdivision a, the
11 superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types
12 by the percentage of mills levied in ~~2020~~2022 by the school district for
13 sinking and interest relative to the total mills levied in ~~2020~~2022 by the
14 school district for all purposes.

15 5. The amount remaining after the computation required under subsection 4 is the
16 amount of state aid to which a school district is entitled, subject to any other statutory
17 requirements or limitations.

18 6. On or before June thirtieth of each year, the school board shall certify to the
19 superintendent of public instruction the final average daily membership for the current
20 school year.

21 7. For purposes of the calculation in subsection 4, each county auditor, in collaboration
22 with the school districts, shall report the following to the superintendent of public
23 instruction on an annual basis:

24 a. The amount of revenue received by each school district in the county during the
25 previous school year for each type of revenue identified in subdivisions c and d of
26 subsection 1;

27 b. The total number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school
28 district for all purposes, separated by property classification; and

29 c. The number of mills levied in the previous calendar year by each school district
30 for sinking and interest fund purposes, separated by property classification.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-27-04.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **15.1-27-04.2. State aid - Minimum local effort - Determination.**

4 If a district's taxable valuation of agricultural, commercial, and centrally assessed property
5 per student is less than twenty percent of the state average valuation of agricultural,
6 commercial, and centrally assessed property per student, the superintendent of public
7 instruction, for purposes of determining state aid in accordance with subsection 4 of section
8 15.1-27-04.1, shall utilize an amount equal to ~~sixty~~thirty mills times twenty percent of the state
9 average valuation of agricultural, commercial, and centrally assessed property per student
10 multiplied by the number of weighted student units in the district.

11 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **57-15-01.1. Protection of taxpayers and taxing districts.**

14 Each taxing district may levy the lesser of the amount in dollars as certified in the budget of
15 the governing body, or the amount in dollars as allowed in this section, subject to the following:

- 16 1. No taxing district may levy more taxes expressed in dollars than the amounts allowed
17 by this section.
- 18 2. For purposes of this section:
 - 19 a. "Base year" means the taxing district's taxable year with the highest amount
20 levied in dollars in property taxes of the three taxable years immediately
21 preceding the budget year;;
 - 22 b. "Budget year" means the taxing district's year for which the levy is being
23 determined under this section;;
 - 24 c. "Calculated mill rate" means the mill rate that results from dividing the base year
25 taxes levied by the sum of the taxable value of the taxable property in the base
26 year plus the taxable value of the property exempt by local discretion or
27 charitable status, calculated in the same manner as the taxable property;and
 - 28 d. "Property exempt by local discretion or charitable status" means property
29 exempted from taxation as new or expanding businesses under chapter 40-57.1;
30 improvements to property under chapter 57-02.2; or buildings belonging to
31 institutions of public charity, new single-family residential or townhouse or

1 condominium property, property used for early childhood services, or pollution
2 abatement improvements under section 57-02-08.

3 e. "Taxing district" means any political subdivision, other than a school district,
4 empowered by law to levy taxes.

5 3. A taxing district may elect to levy the amount levied in dollars in the base year. Any
6 levy under this section must be specifically approved by a resolution approved by the
7 governing body of the taxing district. Before determining the levy limitation under this
8 section, the dollar amount levied in the base year must be:

9 a. Reduced by an amount equal to the sum determined by application of the base
10 year's calculated mill rate for that taxing district to the final base year taxable
11 valuation of any taxable property and property exempt by local discretion or
12 charitable status which is not included in the taxing district for the budget year but
13 was included in the taxing district for the base year.

14 b. Increased by an amount equal to the sum determined by the application of the
15 base year's calculated mill rate for that taxing district to the final budget year
16 taxable valuation of any taxable property or property exempt by local discretion or
17 charitable status which was not included in the taxing district for the base year
18 but which is included in the taxing district for the budget year.

19 c. Reduced to reflect expired temporary mill levy increases authorized by the
20 electors of the taxing district. ~~For purposes of this subdivision, an expired~~
21 ~~temporary mill levy increase does not include a school district general fund mill~~
22 ~~rate exceeding one hundred ten mills which has expired or has not received~~
23 ~~approval of electors for an extension under subsection 2 of section 57-64-03.~~

24 d. ~~Reduced by the amount of state aid under chapter 15.1-27, which is determined~~
25 ~~by multiplying the budget year taxable valuation of the school district by the~~
26 ~~lesser of the base year mill rate of the school district minus sixty mills or fifty~~
27 ~~mills, if the base year is a taxable year before 2013.~~

28 4. In addition to any other levy limitation factor under this section, a taxing district may
29 increase its levy in dollars to reflect new or increased mill levies authorized by the
30 legislative assembly or authorized by the electors of the taxing district.

- 1 5. Under this section a taxing district may supersede any applicable mill levy limitations
2 otherwise provided by law, or a taxing district may levy up to the mill levy limitations
3 otherwise provided by law without reference to this section, but the provisions of this
4 section do not apply to the following:
- 5 a. Any irrevocable tax to pay bonded indebtedness levied pursuant to section 16 of
6 article X of the Constitution of North Dakota.
- 7 b. The one-mill levy for the state medical center authorized by section 10 of article X
8 of the Constitution of North Dakota.
- 9 6. ~~A school district choosing to determine its levy authority under this section may apply~~
10 ~~subsection 3 only to the amount in dollars levied for general fund purposes under~~
11 ~~section 57-15-14 or, if the levy in the base year included separate general fund and~~
12 ~~special fund levies under sections 57-15-14 and 57-15-14.2, the school district may~~
13 ~~apply subsection 3 to the total amount levied in dollars in the base year for both the~~
14 ~~general fund and special fund accounts. School district levies under any section other~~
15 ~~than section 57-15-14 may be made within applicable limitations but those levies are~~
16 ~~not subject to subsection 3.~~
- 17 7. Optional levies under this section may be used by any city or county that has adopted
18 a home rule charter unless the provisions of the charter supersede state laws related
19 to property tax levy limitations.

20 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-15-14 of the North Dakota Century
21 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 22 1. Unless authorized by the electors of the school district in accordance with this section,
23 a school district may not impose greater levies than those permitted under section
24 57-15-14.2.
- 25 a. In any school district having a total population in excess of four thousand
26 according to the last federal decennial census there may be levied any specific
27 number of mills that upon resolution of the school board has been submitted to
28 and approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting upon the question at
29 any regular or special school district election.
- 30 b. In any school district having a total population of fewer than four thousand, there
31 may be levied any specific number of mills that upon resolution of the school

- 1 board has been approved by fifty-five percent of the qualified electors voting
2 upon the question at any regular or special school election.
- 3 c. After June 30, 2009, in any school district election for approval by electors of
4 increased levy authority under subsection 1 or 2, the ballot must specify the
5 number of mills proposed for approval, and the number of taxable years for which
6 that approval is to apply. After June 30, 2009, approval by electors of increased
7 levy authority under subsection 1 or 2 may not be effective for more than ten
8 taxable years.
- 9 d. The authority for a levy of up to a specific number of mills under this section
10 approved by electors of a school district before July 1, 2009, is terminated
11 effective for taxable years after 2015. If the electors of a school district subject to
12 this subsection have not approved a levy for taxable years after 2015 of up to a
13 specific number of mills under this section by December 31, 2015, the school
14 district levy limitation for subsequent years is subject to the limitations under
15 ~~section 57-15-01.1~~ or this section.
- 16 e. For taxable years beginning after 2012:
- 17 (1) The authority for a levy of up to a specific number of mills, approved by
18 electors of a school district for any period of time that includes a taxable
19 year before 2009, must be reduced by one hundred fifteen mills as a
20 precondition of receiving state aid in accordance with chapter 15.1-27.
- 21 (2) The authority for a levy of up to a specific number of mills, approved by
22 electors of a school district for any period of time that does not include a
23 taxable year before 2009, must be reduced by forty mills as a precondition
24 of receiving state aid in accordance with chapter 15.1-27.
- 25 (3) The authority for a levy of up to a specific number of mills, placed on the
26 ballot in a school district election for electoral approval of increased levy
27 authority under subdivision a or b, after June 30, ~~2013~~2022, must be stated
28 as a specific number of mills of general fund levy authority and must include
29 a statement that the statutory school district general fund levy limitation is
30 ~~seventy~~ten mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the school district

1 and thirty mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of agricultural,
2 commercial, and centrally assessed property in the school district.

- 3 f. The authority for an unlimited levy approved by electors of a school district before
4 July 1, 2009, is terminated effective for taxable years after 2015. If the electors of
5 a school district subject to this subsection have not approved a levy of up to a
6 specific number of mills under this section by December 31, 2015, the school
7 district levy limitation for subsequent years is subject to the limitations under
8 ~~section 57-15-01.1~~ or this section.

9 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **57-15-14.2. School district levies. (~~Effective for taxable years through December 31,~~**
12 **~~2024~~)**

- 13 1. ~~The board of a school district may levy a tax not exceeding the amount in dollars that~~
14 ~~the school district levied for the prior year, plus twelve percent and the dollar amount~~
15 ~~of the adjustment required in section 15.1-27-04.3, up to a levy of seventy mills on the~~
16 ~~taxable valuation of the district, for any purpose related to the provision of educational~~
17 ~~services. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into the school district's general~~
18 ~~fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be~~
19 ~~transferred into any other fund.~~
- 20 2. ~~The board of a school district may levy no more than twelve mills on the taxable~~
21 ~~valuation of the district, for miscellaneous purposes and expenses. The proceeds of~~
22 ~~this levy must be deposited into a special fund known as the miscellaneous fund and~~
23 ~~used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into~~
24 ~~any other fund.~~
- 25 3. ~~The board of a school district may levy no more than three mills on the taxable~~
26 ~~valuation of the district for deposit into a special reserve fund, in accordance with~~
27 ~~chapter 57-19.~~
- 28 4. ~~The board of a school district may levy no more than the number of mills necessary,~~
29 ~~on the taxable valuation of the district, for the payment of tuition, in accordance with~~
30 ~~section 15.1-29-15. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into a special fund~~

1 known as the tuition fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds-
2 may not be transferred into any other fund.

3 5. ~~The board of a school district may levy no more than five mills on the taxable valuation-~~
4 ~~of the district, pursuant to section 57-15-15.1, for purposes of developing a school~~
5 ~~safety plan in accordance with section 15.1-09-60. The proceeds of this levy must be~~
6 ~~deposited into a special fund known as the school safety plan fund and used in~~
7 ~~accordance with this subsection.~~

8 6. Nothing in this section limits the board of a school district from levying:

9 a. Mills for a building fund, as permitted in sections 15.1-09-49 and 57-15-16; and

10 b. Mills necessary to pay principal and interest on the bonded debt of the district,
11 including the mills necessary to pay principal and interest on any bonded debt
12 incurred under section 57-15-17.1 before July 1, 2013.

13 **School district levies. (Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024)**

14 1. The board of a school district may levy a tax not exceeding the amount in dollars that
15 the school district levied for the prior year, plus twelve percent, up to ~~would be~~
16 generated by a levy of seventythree mills on the taxable valuation of agricultural,
17 commercial, and centrally assessed property in the district, for any purpose related to
18 the provision of educational services~~the school district's local contribution to the costs~~
19 of education. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into the school district's
20 general fund and may be used in accordance with this subsection for any purposes
21 related to the provision of educational services. The proceeds may not be transferred
22 into any other fund.

23 2. The board of a school district may levy no more than ten mills on the taxable valuation
24 of the district, for any purpose related to the provision of educational services. The
25 proceeds of this levy must be deposited into the school district's general fund and
26 used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into
27 any other fund.

28 2-3. The board of a school district may levy no more than twelve mills on the taxable
29 valuation of the district, for miscellaneous purposes and expenses. The proceeds of
30 this levy must be deposited into a special fund known as the miscellaneous fund and

1 used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds may not be transferred into
2 any other fund.

3 ~~3.4.~~ The board of a school district may levy no more than three mills on the taxable
4 valuation of the district for deposit into a special reserve fund, in accordance with
5 chapter 57-19.

6 ~~4.5.~~ The board of a school district may levy no more than the number of mills necessary,
7 on the taxable valuation of the district, for the payment of tuition, in accordance with
8 section 15.1-29-15. The proceeds of this levy must be deposited into a special fund
9 known as the tuition fund and used in accordance with this subsection. The proceeds
10 may not be transferred into any other fund.

11 ~~5.6.~~ The board of a school district may levy no more than five mills on the taxable valuation
12 of the district, pursuant to section 57-15-15.1, for purposes of developing a school
13 safety plan in accordance with section 15.1-09-60. The proceeds of this levy must be
14 deposited into a special fund known as the school safety plan fund and used in
15 accordance with this subsection.

16 ~~6.7.~~ Nothing in this section limits the board of a school district from levying:
17 a. Mills for a building fund, as permitted in sections 15.1-09-49 and 57-15-16; and
18 b. Mills necessary to pay principal and interest on the bonded debt of the district,
19 including the mills necessary to pay principal and interest on any bonded debt
20 incurred under section 57-15-17.1 before July 1, 2013.

21 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 57-20-07.1 of the
22 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23 c. Provide information identifying the property tax savings provided by the state of
24 North Dakota. The tax statement must include a line item that is entitled
25 "legislative tax relief" and identifies the dollar amount of property tax savings
26 realized by the taxpayer under chapter 50-34 for taxable years before 2019,
27 chapter 50-35 for taxable years after 2018, and chapter 15.1-27.

28 (1) For purposes of this subdivision, legislative tax relief under chapter 15.1-27
29 is determined ~~by multiplying as follows:~~

30 (a) ~~For residential property,~~ the taxable value for the taxable year for each
31 parcel shown on the tax statement ~~multiplied~~ by the ~~number~~ lesser of

1 one hundred eighty-five mills or the sum of the mill levy reduction
2 grant under chapter 57-64 for the 2012 taxable year plus and the
3 number of mills determined by subtracting from the 2012 taxable year
4 mill rate of the school district in which the parcel is located the lesser
5 of:

6 (a) Fifty mills; or,

7 (b) TheFor agricultural, commercial, and centrally assessed property, the
8 taxable value for the taxable year for each parcel shown on the tax
9 statement multiplied by the lesser of one hundred fifty-five mills or the
10 sum of the mill levy reduction grant under chapter 57-64 for the 2012
11 taxable year and the 2012 taxable year mill rate of the school district
12 minus sixty excluding thirty mills.

- 13 (2) Legislative tax relief under chapter 50-35 is determined by multiplying the
14 taxable value for the taxable year for each parcel shown on the tax
15 statement by the number of mills of relief determined by dividing the amount
16 calculated in subsection 1 of section 50-35-03 for a human service zone by
17 the taxable value of taxable property in the zone for the taxable year.

18 **SECTION 8. REPEAL.** Sections 15.1-27-04.3, 15.1-27-15.1, and 15.1-27-20.2 of the North
19 Dakota Century Code are repealed.

20 **SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
21 **FUND - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is
22 appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state
23 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000,000, or so much of the sum as may
24 be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of integrated formula
25 payments, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding
26 provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

27 **SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LEGACY EARNINGS FUND - DEPARTMENT OF**
28 **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** Pursuant to the designation of funding for
29 other legislative purposes under subdivision c of subsection 4 of section 21-10-13, there is
30 appropriated out of any moneys in the legacy earnings fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
31 appropriated, the sum of \$160,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the

1 department of public instruction for the purpose of integrated formula payments, for the
2 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The funding provided in this
3 section is considered a one-time funding item.

4 **SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 4, 5, and 6 of this Act are effective for taxable
5 years beginning after December 31, 2022.