

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 create and enact a new section to chapter 25-06 and a new  
 4 section to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the school for the blind  
 5 fund and the school for the deaf fund; to repeal section 6-09-45 of the North Dakota Century  
 6 Code and section 13 of chapter 49 of the 2015 Session Laws, relating to a required transfer  
 7 from the Bank of North Dakota and a contingent appropriation; to provide exemptions; to  
 8 provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an  
 9 emergency.

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

11 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
 12 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
 13 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
 14 other income, to the department of public instruction, the school for the deaf, North Dakota  
 15 vision services - school for the blind, and the state library for the purpose of defraying the  
 16 expenses of those agencies, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,  
 17 2019, as follows:

18 Subdivision 1.

19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
21 <del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$18,280,006</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$18,280,006</del>
22 <del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>30,517,072</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>30,517,072</del>
23 <del>Integrated formula payments</del>	<del>1,916,640,000</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,916,640,000</del>

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1	Grants—special education	17,300,000	0	17,300,000
2	Grants—transportation	57,000,000	0	57,000,000
3	Grants—other grants	267,807,227	0	267,807,227
4	PowerSchool	6,000,000	0	6,000,000
5	Transportation efficiency	30,000	0	30,000
6	National board certification	120,000	0	120,000
7	Total all funds	\$2,313,694,305	\$0	\$2,313,694,305
8	Less estimated income	624,685,766	0	624,685,766
9	Total general fund	\$1,689,008,539	\$0	\$1,689,008,539
10	Full-time equivalent positions	99.75	0.00	99.75
11	Salaries and wages	\$18,280,006	(\$815,828)	\$17,464,178
12	Operating expenses	30,517,072	(352,067)	30,165,005
13	Integrated formula payments	1,916,640,000	23,655,041	1,940,295,041
14	Grants - special education	17,300,000	2,000,000	19,300,000
15	Grants - transportation	57,000,000	(5,700,000)	51,300,000
16	Grants - other grants	267,807,227	(13,744,522)	254,062,705
17	Grants - program grants	0	6,115,000	6,115,000
18	Grants - passthrough grants	0	2,378,000	2,378,000
19	PowerSchool	6,000,000	(500,000)	5,500,000
20	Transportation efficiency	30,000	0	30,000
21	National board certification	120,000	0	120,000
22	Total all funds	\$2,313,694,305	\$13,035,624	\$2,326,729,929
23	Less estimated income	624,685,766	241,055,491	865,741,257
24	Total general fund	\$1,689,008,539	(\$228,019,867)	\$1,460,988,672
25	Full-time equivalent positions	99.75	(8.00)	91.75

Subdivision 2.

STATE LIBRARY

		Adjustments or		
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation	
30	Salaries and wages	\$4,019,839	\$0	\$4,019,839
31	Operating expenses	1,713,393	0	1,713,393

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1	<del>Grants</del>	<del>2,785,500</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>2,785,500</del>
2	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$8,518,732</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$8,518,732</del>
3	<del>Less estimated income</del>	<del>2,438,751</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>2,438,751</del>
4	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$6,079,981</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$6,079,981</del>
5	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>29.75</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>29.75</del>
6	Salaries and wages	\$4,019,839	\$138,933	\$4,158,772
7	Operating expenses	1,713,393	(109,318)	1,604,075
8	Grants	2,785,500	(676,472)	2,109,028
9	Total all funds	\$8,518,732	(\$646,857)	\$7,871,875
10	Less estimated income	2,438,751	(190,402)	2,248,349
11	Total general fund	\$6,079,981	(\$456,455)	\$5,623,526
12	Full-time equivalent positions	29.75	(1.00)	28.75

Subdivision 3.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>		<u>Appropriation</u>
17	<del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$7,291,854</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$7,291,854</del>
18	<del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>1,925,163</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,925,163</del>
19	<del>Capital assets</del>	<del>227,174</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>227,174</del>
20	<del>Grants</del>	<del>186,900</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>186,900</del>
21	<del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$9,631,091</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$9,631,091</del>
22	<del>Less estimated income</del>	<del>1,089,210</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,089,210</del>
23	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$8,541,881</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$8,541,881</del>
24	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>45.61</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>45.61</del>
25	Salaries and wages	\$7,291,854	\$206,353	\$7,498,207
26	Operating expenses	1,925,163	51,380	1,976,543
27	Capital assets	227,174	664,504	891,678
28	Grants	186,900	(6,900)	180,000
29	Total all funds	\$9,631,091	\$915,337	\$10,546,428
30	Less estimated income	1,089,210	2,109,514	3,198,724

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1	Total general fund	\$8,541,881	(\$1,194,177)	\$7,347,704
2	Full-time equivalent positions	45.61	(1.00)	44.61
3	Subdivision 4.			
4	NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND			
5			Adjustments or	
6		Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
7	Salaries and wages	\$4,554,349	\$0	\$4,554,349
8	Operating expenses	739,169	0	739,169
9	Capital assets	24,454	0	24,454
10	Total all funds	\$5,317,972	\$0	\$5,317,972
11	Less estimated income	569,325	0	569,325
12	Total general fund	\$4,748,647	\$0	\$4,748,647
13	Full-time equivalent positions	30.00	0.00	30.00
14	Salaries and wages	\$4,554,349	\$113,075	\$4,667,424
15	Operating expenses	739,169	4,037	743,206
16	Capital assets	24,454	150,238	174,692
17	Total all funds	\$5,317,972	\$267,350	\$5,585,322
18	Less estimated income	569,325	645,428	1,214,753
19	Total general fund	\$4,748,647	(\$378,078)	\$4,370,569
20	Full-time equivalent positions	30.00	(1.50)	28.50
21	Subdivision 5.			
22	BILL TOTAL			
23			Adjustments or	
24		Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
25	Grand total general fund	\$1,708,379,048	\$0	\$1,708,379,048
26	Grand total special funds	628,783,052	0	628,783,052
27	Grand total all funds	\$2,337,162,100	\$0	\$2,337,162,100
28	Grand total general fund	\$1,708,379,048	(\$230,048,577)	\$1,478,330,471
29	Grand total special funds	628,783,052	243,620,031	872,403,083
30	Grand total all funds	\$2,337,162,100	\$13,571,454	\$2,350,733,554

**SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE.** The salaries and wages line item in subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of section 1 of this Act include funding from the general fund and special funds for increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month. Total funding provided is as follows:

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Special funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Department of public instruction	\$87,454	\$195,878	\$283,332
State library	74,972	10,889	85,861
School for the deaf	126,672	3,864	130,536
North Dakota vision services - school for the blind	<u>91,508</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>91,584</u>
Total	\$380,606	\$210,707	\$591,313

**SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium and the 2017-19 one-time funding items included in the appropriations in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
<del>Department of public instruction</del>		
<del>—Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training grants</del>	<del>\$165,500</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>—Free or reduced meals information technology</del>	<del>30,000</del>	<del>0</del>
<del>—Rapid enrollment grants</del>	<del>12,504,530</del>	<del>0</del>
<del>—Total department of public instruction—general fund</del>	<del>\$12,700,030</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>State library</del>		
<del>—Library repair grants</del>	<del>\$250,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>—Total state library—general fund</del>	<del>\$250,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>School for the deaf</del>		
<del>—Extraordinary repairs</del>	<del>\$600,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>—Total school for the deaf—estimated income</del>	<del>\$600,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>North Dakota vision services—school for the blind</del>		
<del>—Equipment</del>	<del>\$21,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
<del>—Special assessments payoff</del>	<del>19,000</del>	<del>0</del>
<del>—Server and access points</del>	<del>16,000</del>	<del>0</del>

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1	<del>Total school for the blind - estimated income</del>	<del>\$56,000</del>	<del>\$0</del>
2	<del>Grand total - all funds</del>	<del>\$13,606,030</del>	<del>\$0</del>
3	<del>Grand total - estimated income</del>	<del>656,000</del>	<del>0</del>
4	<del>Grand total - general fund</del>	<del>\$12,950,030</del>	<del>\$0</del>
5	<u>Department of public instruction</u>		
6	<u>Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training grants</u>	<u>\$165,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>
7	<u>Free or reduced meals information technology</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>0</u>
8	<u>Rapid enrollment grants</u>	<u>12,504,530</u>	<u>0</u>
9	<u>Integrated formula payments</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,000,000</u>
10	<u>Total department of public instruction - all funds</u>	<u>\$12,700,030</u>	<u>\$160,000,000</u>
11	<u>Total department of public instruction - estimated income</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,000,000</u>
12	<u>Total department of public instruction - general fund</u>	<u>\$12,700,030</u>	<u>\$0</u>
13	<u>State library</u>		
14	<u>Library repair grants</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
15	<u>Total state library - general fund</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
16	<u>School for the deaf</u>		
17	<u>Extraordinary repairs</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$675,000</u>
18	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,000</u>
19	<u>Video equipment and software</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,000</u>
20	<u>Total school for the deaf - estimated income</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$733,000</u>
21	<u>North Dakota vision services - school for the blind</u>		
22	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>\$21,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
23	<u>Special assessments payoff</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
24	<u>Server and access points</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>0</u>
25	<u>Heating and cooling upgrade</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,500</u>
26	<u>Replace water line</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60,000</u>
27	<u>Carpet and reception upgrade</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,000</u>
28	<u>Total school for the blind - estimated income</u>	<u>\$56,000</u>	<u>\$135,500</u>
29	<u>Grand total - all funds</u>	<u>\$13,606,030</u>	<u>\$160,868,500</u>
30	<u>Grand total - estimated income</u>	<u>656,000</u>	<u>160,868,500</u>
31	<u>Grand total - general fund</u>	<u>\$12,950,030</u>	<u>\$0</u>

1 The 2017-19 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the  
2 2019-21 biennium. The department of public instruction, school for the deaf, and North Dakota  
3 vision services - school for the blind shall report to the appropriations committees of the  
4 sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning  
5 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

6 **SECTION 4. TRANSFER - PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FUND TO STATE TUITION FUND.**

7 During the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, the office of  
8 management and budget shall transfer \$4,282,905 from the public instruction fund to the state  
9 tuition fund for the purpose of providing funding for integrated formula payments.

10 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TUITION APPORTIONMENT.** The sum of

11 ~~\$219,134,000~~\$305,546,905, included in the integrated formula payments line item in  
12 subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, is from the state tuition fund in the state treasury. Any  
13 additional amount in the state tuition fund that becomes available for distribution to public  
14 schools is appropriated to the department of public instruction for that purpose for the biennium  
15 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

16 **SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - FOUNDATION AID STABILIZATION FUND.** The

17 estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$270,000,000 from  
18 the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula payments. Of the total provided,  
19 \$160,000,000 is considered to be one-time funding.

20 **SECTION 7. FUNDING TRANSFER - EXEMPTION - AUTHORIZATION.** Notwithstanding

21 section 54-16-04, the superintendent of public instruction may transfer up to \$1,200,000 from  
22 the integrated formula payments line item to the grants - special education line item and up to  
23 \$108,000 from the integrated formula payments line item to the grants - transportation line item,  
24 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The superintendent of  
25 public instruction shall notify the office of management and budget of any transfer made  
26 pursuant to this section.

27 **SECTION 8. INTEGRATED FORMULA PAYMENTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

28 **CONTRACTS EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.** The superintendent of public instruction may  
29 expend funds included in the integrated formula payments and grants - special education  
30 ~~contracts~~-line items in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act in payment of grants for educational  
31 services that were due in the 2015-17 biennium but which were not filed, claimed, or properly

1 supported by the education provider until after June 30, 2017. To be reimbursed under this  
2 section, claims must be properly supported and filed with the superintendent of public  
3 instruction by June 30, 2018.

4 **SECTION 9. GRANTS - SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIENCY AUTHORIZATION.** If funds  
5 provided to the superintendent of public instruction in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act for  
6 grants - special education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019,  
7 are not sufficient to meet special education contract obligations, the superintendent of public  
8 instruction shall request supplemental funding from the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

9 **SECTION 10. GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM - MEDICAID MATCHING FUNDING -**  
10 **DISTRIBUTION.**

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

24 ~~**SECTION 10. REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS - GRANTS.** During the 2017-19-~~  
25 ~~biennium, the superintendent of public instruction shall expend up to \$800,000 from the-~~  
26 ~~integrated formula payments line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act for the purpose of~~  
27 ~~providing an annual grant to each eligible regional education association in order to assist each~~  
28 ~~association with the cost of compensating a coordinator.~~

29 ~~1. To receive a grant under this section, each regional education association must:~~

30 ~~a. Enter a contract with an individual to serve as a coordinator, on a full time or a~~  
31 ~~part time basis, for a duration of at least twelve months; and~~



1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ b. Provide from other revenue sources at least thirty percent of the total~~  
2 ~~compensation payable to the coordinator.~~

3 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The maximum grant payable to a regional education association under this section~~  
4 ~~during each year of the biennium is the lesser of \$50,000 or seventy percent of the total~~  
5 ~~compensation payable to the coordinator.~~

6 **SECTION 11. TRANSPORTATION GRANTS - DISTRIBUTION.**

7 1. During each year of the 2017-19 biennium, the superintendent of public instruction  
8 shall calculate the payment to which each school district is entitled based on the state  
9 transportation formula as it existed on June 30, 2001, except that the superintendent  
10 shall provide reimbursement at the rate of:

11 a. One dollar and ~~eighteen~~three cents per mile for school buses having a capacity  
12 of ten or more passengers;

13 b. ~~Fifty-five~~Forty-eight cents per mile for vehicles having a capacity of nine or fewer  
14 passengers;

15 c. ~~Fifty-four~~Forty-eight cents per mile, provided;

16 (1) The student being transported is a student with a disability, as defined in  
17 chapter 15.1-32;

18 (2) The student's individualized education program plan requires that the  
19 student attend a public or a nonpublic school located outside the student's  
20 school district of residence;

21 (3) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;

22 (4) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;

23 (5) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents; and

24 (6) The reimbursement does not exceed two round trips daily between the  
25 student's home and school.

26 d. ~~Fifty-four~~Forty-eight cents per mile, one way, provided:

27 (1) The student being transported resides more than two miles from the public  
28 school that the student attends;

29 (2) The student is transported by an adult member of the student's family;

30 (3) The student is transported in a vehicle furnished by the student's parents;

31 and

1 (4) The student's transportation is paid for by the student's parents.

2 e. ~~Thirty-two~~ Twenty-eight cents per student for each one-way trip.

3 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall use the latest available student  
4 enrollment count in each school district in applying the provisions of subsection 1.

5 ~~3. If any moneys provided for transportation payments in the grants – transportation line~~  
6 ~~item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, remain after application of the formula~~  
7 ~~provided for in this section, the superintendent of public instruction shall prorate the~~  
8 ~~remaining amounts according to the percentage of the total transportation formula~~  
9 ~~amount to which each school district is entitled.~~

10 4.3. This section does not authorize the reimbursement of any costs incurred in providing  
11 transportation for student attendance at extracurricular activities or events.

12 **SECTION 12. PROGRAM GRANT POOL - CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS -**

13 **FUNDING - DISTRIBUTION.** ~~The sum of \$150,000, or so much of the sum as may be~~  
14 ~~necessary, included in the grants – other grants line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act~~  
15 ~~is provided~~ The line item entitled grants - program grants included in subdivision 1 of section 1 of  
16 this Act includes \$1,735,000 for a program grant pool. The superintendent of public instruction  
17 shall use the funding provided for various grant programs, including up to \$75,000, or so much  
18 of the sum as may be necessary. for continuing education grants, for the biennium beginning  
19 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

20 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall award continuing education grants in  
21 amounts up to \$1,200 to eligible recipients in chronological order, based on the date of  
22 an individual's application. An eligible recipient must:

23 a. (1) Be licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;

24 (2) Have taught in this state during each of the last three school years; and

25 (3) Be enrolled at an institution of higher education in this state in either a  
26 master of education program in educational leadership or a program leading  
27 to a specialist diploma in educational leadership;

28 b. Be pursuing the requirements for a certificate in career development facilitation;  
29 or

30 c. Be pursuing a school counselor credential.

- 1           2. If any of the amount appropriated for this purpose remains after the superintendent of  
2           public instruction has awarded grants to all eligible recipients, the superintendent shall  
3           distribute that amount as an additional per student payment on a prorated basis,  
4           according to the latest available average daily membership of each school district.

5           **SECTION 13. EXEMPTION - INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION.** Notwithstanding section  
6           54-44.1-15, the department of public instruction may deposit indirect cost recoveries in its  
7           operating account.

8           **SECTION 14. STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** The line item entitled grants in  
9           subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$2,033,000~~ \$1,737,528 for aid to public libraries, of  
10          which no more than one-half ~~is to~~ may be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

11          **SECTION 15. FEES DEPOSITED IN NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES - SCHOOL**  
12          **FOR THE BLIND OPERATING FUND.** Any moneys included in the estimated income line item  
13          in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act, collected for subscription fees or braille fees, must be  
14          deposited in the North Dakota vision services - school for the blind operating fund in the state  
15          treasury and may be spent subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly.

16          **SECTION 16. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - HIGHER EDUCATION INTERPRETER GRANT**  
17          **PROGRAM.** The grants line item contained in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act is for the  
18          purpose of providing grants to assist institutions under the control of the state board of higher  
19          education with the cost of interpreters and real-time captioning for students who are deaf or  
20          hard of hearing, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. Moneys  
21          appropriated for this program are not subject to section 54-44.1-11. Funds must be distributed  
22          pursuant to the provisions of this section:

- 23           1. The school for the deaf shall develop a formula to determine the grant amount for  
24           which an institution is eligible. The formula must be based on an uniform hourly  
25           reimbursement.
- 26           2. To obtain a grant under this section, an institution shall submit to the school for the  
27           deaf, at the time and in the manner directed by the school, invoices showing the  
28           amount expended for interpreters and real-time captioning for students who are deaf  
29           or hard of hearing.
- 30           3. The school for the deaf may not distribute more than fifty percent of the amount  
31           appropriated during the first year of the biennium.

1           4. If any grant moneys remain undistributed at the end of the biennium, the school for the  
2           deaf shall provide additional prorated grants to institutions that incurred, during the  
3           biennium, hourly expenses in excess of the formula reimbursement level.

4           5. At the request of an institution under the control of the state board of higher education,  
5           the school for the deaf shall consult with the institution and provide advice regarding  
6           the provision of services most appropriate to meet a student's needs.

7           ~~**SECTION 17. OTHER GRANTS - REPORTING.** The superintendent of public instruction  
8           shall continue reporting on the cost per participant and the outcomes of other grants and report  
9           to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly regarding participation, cost, and outcomes of these  
10          grants.~~

11          **SECTION 17. PASSTHROUGH GRANTS - APPLICATION - DISTRIBUTION -**  
12          **REPORTING.** The line item entitled grants - passthrough grants included in subdivision 1 of  
13          section 1 of this Act includes \$2,378,000 for passthrough grants. The superintendent of public  
14          instruction shall determine the manner in which each passthrough grant is distributed.  
15          Grantees, as a condition of receiving the grant, must establish performance measures to be  
16          reviewed by the superintendent of public instruction. Grantees shall report to the superintendent  
17          of public instruction regarding performance based on the measures before October 1, 2018.  
18          The superintendent of public instruction shall report to the appropriations committees of the  
19          sixty-sixth legislative assembly regarding funds granted, performance measures established for  
20          each grantee, and whether grantees met performance expectations.

21          **SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**  
22          During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility  
23          and desirability of combining services for any or all English language learner programs,  
24          distance learning programs, regional education agencies, teacher center networks, adult  
25          learning centers, career and technical education programs, education technology services,  
26          continuing education for counselors, the North Dakota leadership and educational  
27          administration development center, and the teacher mentoring program. The legislative  
28          management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
29          necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

30          **SECTION 19.** A new section to chapter 25-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
31          and enacted as follows:

1 **School for the blind fund.**

2 The school for the blind fund is a special fund in the state treasury. All moneys received  
3 pursuant to section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota, revenues received from  
4 services and leases, and contributions must be deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund are to  
5 be used pursuant to legislative appropriation for the provision of services under this chapter.

6 **SECTION 20.** A new section to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **School for the deaf fund.**

9 The school for the deaf fund is a special fund in the state treasury. All moneys received  
10 pursuant to section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota and all revenues received  
11 from the lease of buildings and the provision of meals and services, including interpreter  
12 services, must be deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund are to be used pursuant to  
13 legislative appropriation for provision of services under this chapter.

14 **SECTION 21. REPEAL.** Section 6-09-45 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

15 **SECTION 22. REPEAL.** Section 13 of chapter 49 of the 2015 Session Laws is repealed.

16 **SECTION 23. EMERGENCY.** Sections 7 and 22 of this Act are declared to be emergency  
17 measures.