

HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

Introduced by

Representatives Onstad, Froelich, Vig

Senators Heckaman, Marcellais, Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to provide American Indian bilingual education grants; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. American Indian bilingual education - Grants.**

5 1. A school district may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for a grant to
6 pursue American Indian bilingual education. The grant may be used for the
7 development of curriculum and instructional materials, the delivery of instruction,
8 and the support of Indian students in the maintenance of their heritage language
9 while learning English through a bilingual approach.

10 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a panel to review each
11 application under this section. The panel must include an individual representing
12 the Indian affairs commission.

13 3. The panel may recommend to the superintendent the amount of any grant to be
14 awarded. The superintendent's decision regarding the amount is final.

15 **SECTION 2. American Indian bilingual education - Development of standards.**

16 Representatives of the Indian affairs commission and the tribal colleges shall:

17 1. Work with the superintendent of public instruction to develop standards for
18 American Indian bilingual education programs;

19 2. Regularly review American Indian bilingual education programs and provide
20 guidance to the superintendent with respect to program administration; and

21 3. Encourage the collection and dissemination of data regarding American Indian
22 bilingual education programs.

23 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
24 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$450,000, or so much

1 of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of
2 providing American Indian bilingual education grants to school districts, for the biennium
3 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The superintendent of public instruction
4 may retain \$50,000 of the amount appropriated to assist with administrative costs.

5 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, or so much
7 of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the purpose of
8 providing grants to tribal colleges engaged in research and development of American Indian
9 bilingual education programs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,
10 2011.