

SENATE BILL NO. 2260

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, G. Lee, Robinson

Representatives Brandenburg, Headland, Pollert

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an economic impact grant program for political subdivisions; to
2 provide for a transfer; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 **Definitions.**

6 As used in this Act:

7 1. "Department" means the department of commerce.

8 2. "Impacted political subdivisions" means a county, city, school district, or other taxing
9 district empowered by law to levy taxes which demonstrates actual or anticipated
10 extraordinary expenditures caused by economic development and is located in a
11 county that received no allocation of funding or a total allocation under subsection 2 of
12 section 57-51-15 of less than \$500,000 in the preceding formula allocation year.

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 **Economic impact grant fund.**

15 There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the economic impact grant
16 fund. Moneys in the fund must be used for grant awards as provided by law and as
17 appropriated by the legislative assembly to be distributed by the department to impacted
18 political subdivisions.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 **Economic impact grant program.**

21 The department shall establish and administer an economic impact grant program to
22 provide grants to impacted political subdivisions. The department shall:

23 1. Develop a plan for awarding and disbursing grants to impacted political subdivisions to
24 address the initial impacts, including infrastructure and basic government services.

1 caused by economic development. Services or programs to alleviate sociological
2 impacts as well as services or facilities to meet secondary impacts are not eligible for
3 the grant funding provided in this Act.

4 2. Establish procedures and provide proper forms to political subdivisions for grant
5 applications as provided in this Act.

6 3. Make grant disbursements, at least once each fiscal year, to impacted political
7 subdivisions as provided in this Act and within the limits of legislative appropriations. In
8 determining the amounts to be awarded and disbursed to impacted political
9 subdivisions, consideration must be given to identified needs and revenue received by
10 each impacted political subdivision from taxes or fund distribution formulas provided
11 by law.

12 **SECTION 4. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND -**
13 **ECONOMIC IMPACT GRANT FUND.** During the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
14 June 30, 2017, the office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$20,000,000
15 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the economic impact grant fund. The
16 office of management and budget shall transfer the funds provided under this section to the
17 economic impact grant fund as requested by the commissioner of the department of commerce.

18 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC IMPACT GRANT FUND.** There is
19 appropriated out of any moneys in the economic impact grant fund in the state treasury, not
20 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,
21 to the department of commerce for the purpose of awarding economic impact grants to political
22 subdivisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.