

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2250**

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, Campbell, Heckaman

Representatives Schreiber-Beck, Delmore

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-37-06 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to early childhood education programs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-37-06. Receipt and distribution of grants - Notification.**

7 1. a. The department of commerce shall receive applications for and distribute grants
8 under this section to eligible members, including governing board members, of a
9 consortium formed in accordance with section 15.1-37-05, in the amount of two
10 thousand dollars for each child enrolled in a program of early childhood
11 education, if the child is eligible for free lunches under the Richard B. Russell
12 National School Lunch Act [42 U.S.C. 1751, et seq.], and one thousand dollars
13 for each child enrolled in a program of early childhood education, if the child is
14 eligible for reduced lunches under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
15 Act [42 U.S.C. 1751, et seq.], provided:

16 a. (1) The child is a resident of this state; ~~and~~

17 ~~b.~~ (2) The child has reached four years of age before August first in the year of
18 enrollment; and

19 (3) The program has a duration of at least four hundred hours over a period of
20 at least thirty-two consecutive weeks.

21 b. A child enrolled in a federally funded head start program may not be counted for
22 the purpose of determining grant eligibility under this section.

23 2. a. Once each calendar quarter, at the time and in the manner required by the
24 department of commerce, any provider receiving a grant under this section shall

- 1 forward to the parent of each child receiving services a notice indicating the total
2 amount of the grant that was awarded to the provider for the quarter, the pro rata
3 amount attributable to the parent's child, and the source of the grant. The
4 department of commerce shall standardize the notification required by this
5 subdivision.
- 6 b. If a provider fails to meet the notification requirements of this subsection, the
7 department of commerce shall reduce the amount of the provider's next grant
8 payment by fifty percent. If a provider fails to meet the notification requirements
9 of this section a second time, the department of commerce shall determine that
10 the provider is ineligible to participate in the grant program for a period of one
11 year.