

**School for the Deaf
Budget 252
Senate Bill No. 2013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	53.93	\$4,701,654	\$721,856	\$5,423,510
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>53.93</u>	<u>4,571,465</u>	<u>531,878</u>	<u>5,103,343</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	0.00	\$130,189	\$189,978	\$320,167

NOTE: The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$18,931, of which \$17,978 is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$2,040 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

Item Description

Deaf-blind services project - The 1999 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$127,469 of federal funds to the School for the Deaf and authorized a new FTE position to administer a program to provide technical assistance and support to parents, families, teachers, and service providers of North Dakotans aged birth to 21 years old who are deaf and blind.

Audiologist position - The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided a general fund appropriation of \$58,365 for a staff audiologist position at the School for the Deaf.

Status/Result

The project coordinator was hired October 1, 1999, and the program has been implemented statewide.

Due to the school's inability to offer a competitive salary for an audiologist, the authorized position has been vacant since August 1997. In order to provide audiology services to students, the school contracts with a hospital to provide audiology services on an hourly basis. Rather than a full-time staff audiologist, the appropriation is used to provide contracted audiology services one to two days per week.