

**North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind
Budget 253
House Bill No. 1013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	29.00	\$2,124,567	\$1,357,821	\$3,482,388
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	28.00	2,196,188	1,002,892	3,199,080
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	1.00	(\$71,621)	\$354,929	\$283,308

NOTE: The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$9,576 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Training officer II position - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$74,320 from special fund sources to be determined by the agency for one FTE training officer II position to provide technology training to agency clients in western North Dakota.

Teacher compensation increases - In addition to other amounts appropriated for salary increases, the 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$56,200 from the general fund to the North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind for teacher compensation increases of \$1,000 the first year of the biennium and an additional \$2,000 the second year, as provided to public schoolteachers pursuant to House Bill No. 1344.

Composite salary schedule teacher salary increases - In addition to other amounts appropriated for salary increases, the 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$112,810 from the general fund to the North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind for teacher salary increases pursuant to the composite salary schedule developed by the Central Personnel Division for teachers at the School for the Deaf, North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, and Youth Correctional Center.

Status/Result

The agency has determined that special fund revenues will be adequate to fund the position and has plans to fill the position during summer 2002.

North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind employs 13 contracted teachers, all of whom received a salary increase of \$1,000 for the 2001-02 school year. Teachers will also receive a salary and benefit increase of \$2,000 for the 2002-03 school year.

Thirteen teachers received increases as a result of the composite salary schedule and the legislatively approved increase of 3 percent the first year of the biennium. The increases ranged from \$183 to \$426 per month, in addition to the teacher compensation increases of \$1,000 per year referred to above.