

**Department 253 - School for the Blind  
House Bill No. 1013**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	28.00	\$2,048,791	\$1,283,501	\$3,332,292
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	28.00	2,196,188	1,002,892	3,199,080 <sup>1</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	(\$147,397)	\$280,609	\$133,212

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	28.00	\$2,048,791	\$1,283,501	\$3,332,292
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup> The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$6,245, of which \$5,930 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 \$1,030 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

**Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting School for the Blind 2001-03 Budget**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Provides funding for salary adjustments, in addition to the executive budget compensation package, to increase salaries to new pay range minimums established by Central Personnel.	\$2,621	\$462	\$3,083
2. Provides funding for salary equity adjustments, in addition to the executive budget compensation package, to increase teacher salaries pursuant to the salary schedule prepared by Central Personnel.	\$112,810		\$112,810
3. Decreases operating expenses from \$678,059 to \$652,238 to reflect various changes, including:	(\$25,821)		(\$25,821)
a. Increase for information technology - Data processing - \$19,814			
b. Increase for information technology - Telephone - \$9,299			
c. Increase for building rent - \$15,022			
d. Decrease for repairs - \$12,060			
e. Decrease for professional supplies - \$22,960			
f. Decrease for miscellaneous supplies - \$18,663			
4. Decreases general fund spending authority and increases other funds spending authority for operating expenses.	(\$260,979)	\$260,979	\$0
5. Decreases funding for equipment from \$70,500 to \$60,000.		(\$10,500)	(\$10,500)
6. Provides funding for extraordinary repairs of \$25,416.		(\$26,374)	(\$26,374)

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting School for the Blind 2001-03 Budget  
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven budget recommendation does not change the Schafer executive budget recommendation for this agency.

**Major Legislation Affecting the School for the Blind**

**House Bill No. 1038** - This bill changes the name of the North Dakota School for the Blind to North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind and expands the responsibilities of the agency to provide that it is a statewide service, resource, and referral center for all residents of the state who are blind or visually impaired.

**Summary of Legislative Changes to Bill as Introduced**

See attached Statement of Purpose of Amendment.