

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**House Bill No. 1013 - Funding Summary**

| | Executive Budget | Final Legislative Action | Comparison To Executive Budget |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Information Technology Department | | | |
| Salaries and wages | | \$3,257,968 | \$3,257,968 |
| Operating expenses | | 1,718,498 | 1,718,498 |
| Equipment | | 190,000 | 190,000 |
| Capital improvements | | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Total all funds | \$0 | \$5,221,466 | \$5,221,466 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 4,353,250 | 4,353,250 |
| General fund | \$0 | \$868,216 | \$868,216 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 37.70 | 37.70 |
| Department of Public Instruction | | | |
| Salaries and wages | \$12,273,865 | \$8,985,148 | (\$3,288,717) |
| Operating expenses | 17,431,193 | 15,310,080 | (2,121,113) |
| Equipment | 534,140 | 344,140 | (190,000) |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | | (55,000) |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | 485,542,761 | 473,971,648 | (11,571,113) |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | 35,036,000 | 35,036,000 |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | 3,450,000 | 2,200,000 | (1,250,000) |
| Grants - Tuition apportionment | 67,239,025 | 67,239,025 | |
| Grants - Special education | 51,260,000 | 49,898,695 | (1,361,305) |
| Grants - Other grants | 149,970,455 | 149,420,263 | (550,192) |
| Geographic education | 50,000 | 100,000 | 50,000 |
| National board certification | 33,000 | | (33,000) |
| Total all funds | \$787,839,439 | \$802,504,999 | \$14,665,560 |
| Less estimated income | 237,017,455 | 232,691,705 | (4,325,750) |
| General fund | \$550,821,984 | \$569,813,294 | \$18,991,310 |
| FTE | 131.95 | 95.25 | (36.70) |
| Division of Independent Study | | | |
| Salaries and wages | | | |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Equipment | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | |
| Total all funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State Library | | | |
| Salaries and wages | \$2,084,108 | \$2,084,108 | |
| Operating expenses | 1,135,660 | 1,135,660 | |
| Equipment | 40,000 | 40,000 | |
| Grants | 1,453,745 | 1,453,745 | |
| Total all funds | \$4,713,513 | \$4,713,513 | \$0 |
| Less estimated income | 1,598,857 | 1,598,857 | 0 |
| General fund | \$3,114,656 | \$3,114,656 | \$0 |
| FTE | 28.75 | 28.75 | 0.00 |
| School for the Deaf | | | |

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$4,814,058 | \$4,888,058 | \$74,000 |
| Operating expenses | 1,156,267 | 1,156,267 | |
| Equipment | 60,190 | 60,190 | |
| Capital improvements | 45,410 | 45,410 | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$6,075,925</u> | <u>\$6,149,925</u> | <u>\$74,000</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>1,095,624</u> | <u>1,095,624</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$4,980,301</u> | <u>\$5,054,301</u> | <u>\$74,000</u> |
| FTE | 53.10 | 53.10 | 0.00 |
| School for the Blind | | | |
| Salaries and wages | \$2,594,638 | \$2,725,158 | \$130,520 |
| Operating expenses | 652,238 | 662,238 | 10,000 |
| Equipment | 60,000 | 60,000 | |
| Capital improvements | 25,416 | 25,416 | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$3,332,292</u> | <u>\$3,472,812</u> | <u>\$140,520</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>1,283,501</u> | <u>1,357,821</u> | <u>74,320</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$2,048,791</u> | <u>\$2,114,991</u> | <u>\$66,200</u> |
| FTE | 28.00 | 29.00 | 1.00 |
| Vocational Education | | | |
| Grants | | \$13,000 | \$13,000 |
| Total all funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Bill Total | | | |
| Total all funds | \$801,961,169 | \$822,075,715 | \$20,114,546 |
| Less estimated income | 240,995,437 | 241,097,257 | 101,820 |
| General fund | <u>\$560,965,732</u> | <u>\$580,978,458</u> | <u>\$20,012,726</u> |
| FTE | 241.80 | 243.80 | 2.00 |

House Bill No. 1013 - Information Technology Department - Conference Committee Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Conf. Com. Changes | Conf. Com. Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | | | \$3,257,968 | \$3,257,968 | | \$3,257,968 |
| Operating expenses | | | 1,718,498 | 1,718,498 | | 1,718,498 |
| Equipment | | | 190,000 | 190,000 | | 190,000 |
| Capital improvements | | | 55,000 | 55,000 | | 55,000 |
| Total all funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$5,221,466</u> | <u>\$5,221,466</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$5,221,466</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4,353,250</u> | <u>4,353,250</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4,353,250</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$868,216</u> | <u>\$868,216</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$868,216</u> |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 37.70 | 37.70 | 0.00 | 37.70 |

Department No. 112 - Information Technology Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Transfer Appropriation from Division of Independent Study¹ | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Salaries and wages | \$3,257,968 | \$3,257,968 |
| Operating expenses | 1,718,498 | 1,718,498 |
| Equipment | 190,000 | 190,000 |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Total all funds | \$5,221,466 | \$5,221,466 |
| Less estimated income | 4,353,250 | 4,353,250 |
| General fund | \$868,216 | \$868,216 |
| FTE | 37.70 | 37.70 |

¹ Pursuant to Section 9 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2251, any funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the Division of Independent Study must be transferred to the Information Technology Department for use by the Educational Technology Council.

House Bill No. 1013 - Department of Public Instruction - House Action

| | Executive Budget | House Changes | House Version |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$12,273,865 | (\$103,549) | \$12,170,316 |
| Operating expenses | 17,431,193 | (400,000) | 17,031,193 |
| Equipment | 534,140 | | 534,140 |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | | 55,000 |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | 485,542,761 | (24,507,093) | 461,035,668 |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | 46,640,055 | 46,640,055 |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | 3,450,000 | | 3,450,000 |
| Grants - Tuition apportionment | 67,239,025 | | 67,239,025 |
| Grants - Special education | 51,260,000 | (1,361,305) | 49,898,695 |
| Grants - Other grants | 149,970,455 | (620,192) | 149,350,263 |
| Geographic education | 50,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| National board certification | 33,000 | (13,000) | 20,000 |
| Total all funds | \$787,839,439 | \$19,684,916 | \$807,524,355 |
| Less estimated income | 237,017,455 | 27,500 | 237,044,955 |
| General fund | \$550,821,984 | \$19,657,416 | \$570,479,400 |
| FTE | 131.95 | (1.00) | 130.95 |

Department No. 201 - Department of Public Instruction - Detail of House Changes

| | Adjust Market Equity Salary Increase¹ | Remove Funding for Student Data Base² | Transfer Funding From Operating Expenses - Increase Grants to LEAD³ | Increase Operating Expenses for the Division of Independent Study⁴ | Reduce Grants for the Governor's School⁵ | Remove Funding for Quality Schools Commission⁶ |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Salaries and wages | (\$3,549) | | | | | |
| Operating expenses | | (412,500) | (15,000) | 27,500 | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | | | | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | | | | | |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | | | | | |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | | | | | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | | | |
| Grants - Other grants | | | 15,000 | | (60,000) | (575,192) |
| Geographic education | | | | | | |
| National board certification | | | | | | |
| Total all funds | (\$3,549) | (\$412,500) | \$0 | \$27,500 | (\$60,000) | (\$575,192) |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27,500 | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | (\$3,549) | (\$412,500) | \$0 | \$0 | (\$60,000) | (\$575,192) |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Add Funding for Geographic Education Grants⁷ | Reduce Funding for National Board Certification Program⁸ | Remove FTE - Reduce Salaries and Wages⁹ | Decrease Special Education to Reflect Teacher Compensation Payments¹⁰ | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments¹¹ | Decrease Foundation Aid¹² |
| Salaries and wages | | | (\$100,000) | | | |
| Operating expenses | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | | | | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | | | | | (24,507,093) |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | | | | 46,640,055 | |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | | | | | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | (1,361,305) | | |
| Grants - Other grants | | | | | | |
| Geographic education | 50,000 | | | | | |
| National board certification | | (13,000) | | | | |
| Total all funds | \$50,000 | (\$13,000) | (\$100,000) | (\$1,361,305) | \$46,640,055 | (\$24,507,093) |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | \$50,000 | (\$13,000) | (\$100,000) | (\$1,361,305) | \$46,640,055 | (\$24,507,093) |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | (1.00) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | Total House Changes |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | (\$103,549) |
| Operating expenses | (400,000) |
| Equipment | |
| Capital improvements | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | (24,507,093) |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | 46,640,055 |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | |
| Grants - Special education | (1,361,305) |
| Grants - Other grants | (620,192) |
| Geographic education | 50,000 |
| National board certification | (13,000) |
| Total all funds | \$19,684,916 |
| Less estimated income | 27,500 |
| General fund | \$19,657,416 |
| FTE | (1.00) |

¹ The amount provided for a market equity salary increase for the Superintendent of Public Instruction is reduced from \$14,528 to \$10,979. The amount included in the bill will provide for a monthly increase of \$522 per month for the last 18 months of the biennium.

² Funding is removed for the development of a student data base. The Schafer executive budget recommendation includes an appropriation to the Department of Public Instruction for the project. The Hoeven budget recommendation includes an appropriation to the Information Technology Department for the project. This change is included in the Hoeven budget recommendation.

³ Funding is transferred from operating expenses to the other grants line item to increase grants to the LEAD consortium from \$200,000 to \$215,000 . The additional grants are to fund the Spelling Bee and Math Counts programs.

⁴ Other funds spending authority, derived from fees generated by the Division of Independent Study, is added to restore operating expenses to the amount included in the division's base budget request. This change is included in the Hoeven budget recommendation.

⁵ Funding for the Governor's School program is reduced by \$60,000, from \$205,000 to \$145,000. The \$145,000 amount included in the House version is the same as the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium.

⁶ Funding is removed for the Quality Schools Commission. The Schafer executive budget recommendation includes an appropriation of \$575,192 to the Department of Public Instruction for a grant to the commission. The Hoeven budget recommendation includes an appropriation of \$505,197 to the Governor's office for the expenses of the commission. This change is included in the Hoeven budget recommendation.

⁷ Funding is added for geographic education grants. The grant will be provided to the North Dakota Geographic Alliance and will be matched with approximately \$400,000 of other funds from the National Geographic Society and other sources to establish a North Dakota geographic education endowment fund. The income of the endowment fund will be used to partially fund the operations of the North Dakota Geographic Alliance, which provides geography instruction training and materials to North Dakota teachers.

⁸ Funding is reduced from \$33,000 to \$20,000 for a grant to the Education Standards and Practices Board for the national board certification program. The amount included in the House version is the same as the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium.

⁹ Funding for salaries and wages is reduced by \$100,000 from the general fund to reflect the reduction of 1 FTE position to be determined by the department.

¹⁰ See footnote No. 12

¹¹ See footnote No. 12

¹² The Schafer executive recommendation for foundation aid and special education aid is reduced and funding is added for teacher compensation payments, as follows:

| | Schafer Executive Budget | Hoeven Budget | House Version |
|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Foundation aid | \$485,542,761 | \$457,666,148 | \$461,035,668 |
| Teacher compensation payments | | 50,009,575 | 46,640,055 |
| Total foundation aid and teacher compensation | <u>\$485,542,761</u> | <u>\$507,675,723</u> | <u>\$507,675,723</u> |
| Special education aid | \$51,260,000 | \$49,898,695 | \$49,898,695 |
| Per student payment amounts | | | |
| First year | \$2,323 | \$2,240 | \$2,255 |
| Second year | \$2,420 | \$2,250 | \$2,278 |
| Teacher payment amounts | | | |
| First year | N/A | \$2,000 | \$1,750 |
| Second year | N/A | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Biennium total per teacher FTE | N/A | <u>\$5,500</u> | <u>\$5,250</u> |
| Qualifying teacher FTE positions | N/A | 9,092.65 | 8,883.82 |

This amendment also:

- Adds a new Section 5, which allows the Education Standards and Practices Board to use up to \$7,000 of the amount appropriated by the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly for the national board certification program to pay stipends to teachers receiving national board certification during the 1999-2001 biennium. An emergency clause is added to make this section effective upon passage of the bill.
- Adds a new Section 6, which provides that the department may not transfer any FTE positions between the Division of Independent Study and the other divisions of the department without first obtaining approval of the Budget Section.
- Adds a new Section 7, which provides legislative intent that the department's 2003-05 biennium budget request contain no more than 129.95 FTE positions, 1 FTE less than the number authorized in the House version for the 2001-03 biennium. Although the agency is provided the authority to determine the specific position eliminated, the reduction is to reflect potential savings resulting from Information Technology Department statewide initiatives, which may result in a reduction in data collection responsibilities for the Department of Public Instruction.

- Adds new Sections 15 and 17 to provide statutory changes relating to the supplemental payment program currently authorized by North Dakota Century Code Section 15-40.1-07.8. The statutory formula limits the payment to each qualifying district and for the 1999-2001 biennium will result in the Department of Public Instruction being unable to distribute the entire legislative appropriation. This amendment allows the department to adjust the formula to allow the distribution of all appropriated funds. An emergency clause is added for this section to allow the 1999-2001 biennium appropriation for these payments to be distributed.

House Bill No. 1013 - Department of Public Instruction - Senate Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Senate Changes | Senate Version |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$12,273,865 | \$12,170,316 | (\$3,085,168) | \$9,085,148 |
| Operating expenses | 17,431,193 | 17,031,193 | (1,821,113) | 15,210,080 |
| Equipment | 534,140 | 534,140 | (190,000) | 344,140 |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | 55,000 | (55,000) | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | 485,542,761 | 461,035,668 | 27,130,480 | 488,166,148 |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | 46,640,055 | (46,640,055) | |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | 3,450,000 | 3,450,000 | (1,250,000) | 2,200,000 |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | 67,239,025 | 67,239,025 | | 67,239,025 |
| Grants - Special education | 51,260,000 | 49,898,695 | | 49,898,695 |
| Grants - Other grants | 149,970,455 | 149,350,263 | 70,000 | 149,420,263 |
| Geographic education | 50,000 | 100,000 | (50,000) | 50,000 |
| National board certification | 33,000 | 20,000 | (20,000) | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$787,839,439</u> | <u>\$807,524,355</u> | <u>(\$25,910,856)</u> | <u>\$781,613,499</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>237,017,455</u> | <u>237,044,955</u> | <u>(4,353,250)</u> | <u>232,691,705</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$550,821,984</u> | <u>\$570,479,400</u> | <u>(\$21,557,606)</u> | <u>\$548,921,794</u> |
| FTE | 131.95 | 130.95 | (35.70) | 95.25 |

Department No. 201 - Department of Public Instruction - Detail of Senate Changes

| | Restore FTE and Funding Removed by House | Reduce Operating Expenses | Add Funding for Dues to the Education Commission of the States | Reduce Funding for Title I Testing¹ | Add Funding for Limited English Proficiency Payments² | Reduce Supplemental Payments³ |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries and wages | \$100,000 | | | | | |
| Operating expenses | | (120,000) | 89,100 | (71,715) | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | | | | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | | | | 200,000 | |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | | | | | |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | | | | | (1,250,000) |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | | | |
| Grants - Other grants | | | | | | |
| Geographic education | | | | | | |
| National board certification | | | | | | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$100,000</u> | <u>(\$120,000)</u> | <u>\$89,100</u> | <u>(\$71,715)</u> | <u>\$200,000</u> | <u>(\$1,250,000)</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$100,000</u> | <u>(\$120,000)</u> | <u>\$89,100</u> | <u>(\$71,715)</u> | <u>\$200,000</u> | <u>(\$1,250,000)</u> |
| FTE | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | Restore Funding for Governor's School | Reduce Funding for Geographic Education⁴ | Remove Funding for Teacher Certification Program⁵ | Add Funding for Teacher Centers | Remove Independent Study⁶ | Remove Teacher Compensation Payments and Increase Foundation Aid⁷ |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| Salaries and wages | | | | | (\$3,185,168) | |
| Operating expenses | | | | | (1,718,498) | |
| Equipment | | | | | (190,000) | |
| Capital improvements | | | | | (55,000) | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | | | | | 26,930,480 |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | | | | | (46,640,055) |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | | | | | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | | | |
| Grants - Other grants | 60,000 | | | 10,000 | | |
| Geographic education | | (50,000) | | | | |
| National board certification | | | (20,000) | | | |
| Total all funds | \$60,000 | (\$50,000) | (\$20,000) | \$10,000 | (\$5,148,666) | (\$19,709,575) |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (4,353,250) | 0 |
| General fund | \$60,000 | (\$50,000) | (\$20,000) | \$10,000 | (\$795,416) | (\$19,709,575) |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | (37.70) | 0.00 |
| | Add FTE For Developing School District Compensation Report⁸ | Total Senate Changes | | | | |
| Salaries and wages | | (\$3,085,168) | | | | |
| Operating expenses | | (1,821,113) | | | | |
| Equipment | | (190,000) | | | | |
| Capital improvements | | (55,000) | | | | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | 27,130,480 | | | | |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | (46,640,055) | | | | |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | (1,250,000) | | | | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | | | |
| Grants - Other grants | | 70,000 | | | | |
| Geographic education | | (50,000) | | | | |
| National board certification | | (20,000) | | | | |
| Total all funds | \$0 | (\$25,910,856) | | | | |
| Less estimated income | 0 | (4,353,250) | | | | |
| General fund | \$0 | (\$21,557,606) | | | | |
| FTE | 1.00 | (35.70) | | | | |

¹ The House version of House Bill No. 1013 included a general fund appropriation of \$1,289,643 for developing and administering standards-based assessments, as required for the state to be eligible to continue receiving federal Title I funding. The Department of Public Instruction has received a proposal to develop and administer the required tests at a cost of \$1,212,928 for the 2001-03 biennium. In addition, the department has indicated that the cost of reporting the results, as required by House Bill No. 1293, will be

an additional \$5,000. The Senate version of House Bill No. 1013 provides \$1,217,928 to fully fund the federal Title I testing and the requirements of House Bill No. 1293.

² The Senate amendment increases the appropriation for limited English proficiency payments from \$450,000 to \$650,000 to fund the payment levels specified in House Bill No. 1321, as passed by the Senate.

³ North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 15-40.1-07.8 provides a formula for the distribution of supplemental payments to school districts. The formula limits the amount each district qualifies for and does not provide a mechanism to allow the distribution of any remaining funds. For the 1999-2001 biennium, the department estimates that \$420,838 will remain unspent and will be general fund turnback. For the 2001-03 biennium, the department estimates that the statutory formula will only allow the distribution of approximately \$2.2 million. The House amended NDCC Section 15-40.1-07.8 to allow the department to adjust the formula to distribute all supplemental payment funds appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium and future bienniums. The Senate amendment removes this statutory change and reduces the appropriation accordingly.

⁴ The Senate amendment removes \$50,000 added by the House for geographic education, reducing the line item to \$50,000, as included in the Schafer and Hoeven budget recommendations.

⁵ The Schafer and Hoeven budget recommendations included \$33,000 for the teacher certification program. The House reduced the funding to \$20,000, which is the same as the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium. House Bill No. 1344, as amended by the Senate, includes \$83,000 for this program. Consequently, this amendment removes the funding from this bill.

⁶ The funding and FTE authority relating to the Division of Independent Study is removed from the Department of Public Instruction and is reflected in a separate subdivision of the bill.

⁷ The teacher compensation payments line item is removed and the foundation aid line item is increased to reflect per student payments of \$2,349 the first year of the biennium and \$2,411 the second year, as provided in House Bill No. 1344 with Senate amendments. In addition, House Bill No. 1344 with Senate amendments includes a general fund appropriation of \$20.8 million for teacher bonus payments.

⁸ House Bill No. 1344 with Senate amendments appropriates \$200,000 to the Department of Public Instruction for developing a school district employee compensation report. The appropriation provides salaries and related expenses for a new FTE position at the department.

This amendment changes Section 7 of the engrossed bill, which limits the number of FTE positions to be included in the department's 2003-05 biennium base budget request, to reflect the removal to the FTE positions relating to the Division of Independent Study. The base budget request for the 2003-05 biennium will be limited to 94.25 FTE, one less than the Senate version for the 2001-03 biennium.

This amendment also adds new sections, as follows:

- Section 4 directs the Department of Public Instruction to use \$20,000 of the amount appropriated for operating expenses to fund the Red River Valley writing project. The Schafer and Hoeven executive recommendations and the House version included \$10,000 for this project. The Senate amendment directs the department to spend an additional \$10,000 for this project, but does not provide additional funding.
- Section 5 directs the department to spend \$1,217,928 of the amount appropriated for operating expenses to develop and administer student tests aligned with the state content standards and to report the results of the tests.
- Section 6 provides that, in addition to other salary increases appropriated by the Legislative Assembly, teachers at the Division of Independent Study, the School for the Blind, and the School for the Deaf will be provided salary increases of \$1,750 for the first year of the biennium and an additional \$1,750 for the second year of the biennium (total of \$5,250 per teacher for the biennium). The amounts included in the salaries and wages line items for the respective agencies are:
 - Division of Independent Study - \$95,550

- School for the Deaf - \$97,125
- School for the Blind - \$73,763
- Sections 15 and 17 increase the reimbursement rate from 25 cents to 35 cents per mile for in-city busing for schoolbuses with a capacity of 10 or more students.

House Bill No. 1013 - Department of Public Instruction - Conference Committee Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Conf. Com. Changes | Conf. Com. Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$12,273,865 | \$12,170,316 | (\$3,185,168) | \$8,985,148 | \$9,085,148 | (\$100,000) |
| Operating expenses | 17,431,193 | 17,031,193 | (1,721,113) | 15,310,080 | 15,210,080 | 100,000 |
| Equipment | 534,140 | 534,140 | (190,000) | 344,140 | 344,140 | |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | 55,000 | (55,000) | | | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | 485,542,761 | 461,035,668 | 12,935,980 | 473,971,648 | 488,166,148 | (14,194,500) |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | 46,640,055 | (11,604,055) | 35,036,000 | | 35,036,000 |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | 3,450,000 | 3,450,000 | (1,250,000) | 2,200,000 | 2,200,000 | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | 67,239,025 | 67,239,025 | | 67,239,025 | 67,239,025 | |
| Grants - Special education | 51,260,000 | 49,898,695 | | 49,898,695 | 49,898,695 | |
| Grants - Other grants | 149,970,455 | 149,350,263 | 70,000 | 149,420,263 | 149,420,263 | |
| Geographic education | 50,000 | 100,000 | | 100,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| National board certification | 33,000 | 20,000 | (20,000) | | | |
| Total all funds | \$787,839,439 | \$807,524,355 | (\$5,019,356) | \$802,504,999 | \$781,613,499 | \$20,891,500 |
| Less estimated income | 237,017,455 | 237,044,955 | (4,353,250) | 232,691,705 | 232,691,705 | 0 |
| General fund | \$550,821,984 | \$570,479,400 | (\$666,106) | \$569,813,294 | \$548,921,794 | \$20,891,500 |
| FTE | 131.95 | 130.95 | (35.70) | 95.25 | 95.25 | 0.00 |

Department No. 201 - Department of Public Instruction - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Restore FTE and Reduce Operating Expenses¹ | Add Funding for Dues to the Education Commission of the States² | Reduce Funding for Title I Testing³ | Add Funding for Limited English Proficiency Payments⁴ | Reduce Supplemental Payments⁵ | Restore Funding for Governor's School⁶ |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| Salaries and wages | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses | (20,000) | 89,100 | (71,715) | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | | | | |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | | | 200,000 | | |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | | | | | |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | | | | (1,250,000) | |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | | | |
| Grants - Other grants | | | | | | 60,000 |
| Geographic education | | | | | | |
| National board certification | | | | | | |
| Total all funds | (\$20,000) | \$89,100 | (\$71,715) | \$200,000 | (\$1,250,000) | \$60,000 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | (\$20,000) | \$89,100 | (\$71,715) | \$200,000 | (\$1,250,000) | \$60,000 |
| FTE | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | Remove Funding for Teacher Certification Program⁷ | Add Funding for Teacher Centers⁸ | Remove Independent Study⁹ | Remove Teacher Compensation Payments and Increase Foundation Aid¹⁰ | Add FTE For Developing School District Compensation Report¹¹ | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Salaries and wages | | | (\$3,185,168) | | | (\$3,185,168) |
| Operating expenses | | | (1,718,498) | | | (1,721,113) |
| Equipment | | | (190,000) | | | (190,000) |
| Capital improvements | | | (55,000) | | | (55,000) |
| Grants - Foundation aid & transportation | | | | 12,735,980 | | 12,935,980 |
| Grants - Teacher compensation payments | | | | (11,604,055) | | (11,604,055) |
| Grants - Revenue supplement payments | | | | | | (1,250,000) |
| Grants -Tuition apportionment | | | | | | |
| Grants - Special education | | | | | | |
| Grants - Other grants | | 10,000 | | | | 70,000 |
| Geographic education | | | | | | |
| National board certification | (20,000) | | | | | (20,000) |
| Total all funds | (\$20,000) | \$10,000 | (\$5,148,666) | \$1,131,925 | \$0 | (\$5,019,356) |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | (4,353,250) | 0 | 0 | (4,353,250) |
| General fund | (\$20,000) | \$10,000 | (\$795,416) | \$1,131,925 | \$0 | (\$666,106) |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | (37.70) | 0.00 | 1.00 | (35.70) |

¹ The Conference Committee amendment restores one FTE removed by the House and reduces operating expenses by \$20,000. The Senate restored \$100,000 to salaries and wages reduced by the House and the FTE position removed by the House. In addition, the Senate removed \$120,000 from the operating expenses line item.

² The Conference Committee amendment includes the Senate change to add funding for dues to the Education Commission of the States.

³ The House version of House Bill No. 1013 included a general fund appropriation of \$1,289,643 for developing and administering standards-based assessments, as required for the state to be eligible to continue receiving federal Title I funding. The Department of Public Instruction has received a proposal to develop and administer the required tests at a cost of \$1,212,928 for the 2001-03 biennium. In addition, the department has indicated that the cost of reporting the results, as required by House Bill No. 1293, will be an additional \$5,000. The Conference Committee and Senate versions provide \$1,217,928 to fully fund the federal Title I testing and the requirements of House Bill No. 1293.

⁴ The Conference Committee and Senate versions increase the appropriation for limited English proficiency payments from \$450,000 to \$650,000 to provide for the payment levels specified in House Bill No. 1321.

⁵ North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 15-40.1-07.8 provides a formula for the distribution of supplemental payments to school districts. The formula limits the amount each district qualifies for and does not provide a mechanism to allow the distribution of any remaining funds. For the 1999-2001 biennium, the department estimates that \$420,838 will remain unspent and will be general fund turnback. For the 2001-03 biennium, the department estimates that the statutory formula will only allow the distribution of approximately \$2.2 million. The House amended NDCC Section 15-40.1-07.8 to allow the department to adjust the formula to distribute all supplemental payment funds appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium and future bienniums. The Senate and Conference Committee versions remove the statutory changes proposed by the House and reduce the appropriation accordingly.

⁶ The Conference Committee amendment includes the Senate change to increase funding for the Governor's school program by \$60,000, as included in the Schafer and Hoeven executive budget recommendations.

⁷ The Schafer and Hoeven budget recommendations included \$33,000 for the teacher certification program. The House reduced the funding to \$20,000, which is the same as the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium. House Bill No. 1344 includes \$41,500 for this program. Consequently, this amendment removes the funding from this bill.

⁸ The Conference Committee amendment includes the Senate change to increase funding for teacher centers.

⁹ In the Conference Committee and Senate versions, funding and FTE authority relating to the Division of Independent Study are removed from the Department of Public Instruction and reflected in a separate subdivision of the bill.

¹⁰ The teacher compensation payments line item is reduced and foundation aid is increased to reflect the payment levels provided in House Bill No. 1344.

¹¹ House Bill No. 1344 appropriates \$200,000 to the Department of Public Instruction for developing a school district employee compensation report. The appropriation provides salaries and related expenses for a new FTE position at the department.

House Bill No. 1013 - Division of Independent Study - Senate Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Senate Changes | Senate Version |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries and wages | | | \$3,280,718 | \$3,280,718 |
| Operating expenses | | | 1,718,498 | 1,718,498 |
| Equipment | | | 190,000 | 190,000 |
| Capital improvements | | | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Total all funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,244,216 | \$5,244,216 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 4,353,250 | 4,353,250 |
| General fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$890,966 | \$890,966 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 37.70 | 37.70 |

Department No. 202 - Division of Independent Study - Detail of Senate Changes

| | Separate Funding for Division of Independent Study ¹ | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments ² | Total Senate Changes |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$3,185,168 | \$95,550 | \$3,280,718 |
| Operating expenses | 1,718,498 | | 1,718,498 |
| Equipment | 190,000 | | 190,000 |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | | 55,000 |
| Total all funds | \$5,148,666 | \$95,550 | \$5,244,216 |
| Less estimated income | 4,353,250 | 0 | 4,353,250 |
| General fund | \$795,416 | \$95,550 | \$890,966 |
| FTE | 37.70 | 0.00 | 37.70 |

¹ Funding for the Division of Independent Study is moved to a separate subdivision of the bill. The House version for the division is reduced by \$400,000 (\$115,285 for salaries, \$4,715 for operating expenses, and \$280,000 for grants) for a federal grant which the department has indicated must continue to be administered by the Department of Public Instruction after authority for the division is moved from the Department of Public Instruction to the Educational Technology Council, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2251.

² The Senate amendment increases the salaries and wages line item by \$95,550 to provide additional compensation payments of \$1,750 per year for teachers at the Division of Independent Study.

House Bill No. 1013 - Division of Independent Study - Conference Committee Action

Department No. 202 - Division of Independent Study - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Separate Funding for Division of Independent Study ¹ | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments ² | Transfer Appropriation to the Information Technology Dept. ³ | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Salaries and wages | \$3,185,168 | \$72,800 | (\$3,257,968) | |
| Operating expenses | 1,718,498 | | (1,718,498) | |
| Equipment | 190,000 | | (190,000) | |
| Capital improvements | 55,000 | | (55,000) | |
| Total all funds | \$5,148,666 | \$72,800 | (\$5,221,466) | \$0 |
| Less estimated income | 4,353,250 | 0 | (4,353,250) | 0 |
| General fund | \$795,416 | \$72,800 | (\$868,216) | \$0 |
| FTE | 37.70 | 0.00 | (37.70) | 0.00 |

¹ Funding for the Division of Independent Study is moved to a separate subdivision of the bill. The House version for the division is reduced by \$400,000 (\$115,285 for salaries, \$4,715 for operating expenses, and \$280,000 for grants) for a federal grant which the department has indicated must continue to be administered by the Department of Public Instruction after authority for the division is moved from the Department of Public Instruction to the Educational Technology Council, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2251.

² The Conference Committee amendment increases the salaries and wages line item by \$72,800 (compared to \$95,550 in the Senate version) to provide additional compensation payments of \$1,750 per year for teachers at the Division of Independent Study.

³ Pursuant to Section 9 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2251, any funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the Division of Independent Study must be transferred to the Information Technology Department for use by the Educational Technology Council.

House Bill No. 1013 - State Library - House Action

The House did not change the executive recommendation for this agency.

House Bill No. 1013 - State Library - Senate Action

The Senate did not change the House version.

House Bill No. 1013 - State Library - Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee did not change the House version.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Deaf - House Action

The House did not change the executive recommendation for this agency.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Deaf - Senate Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Senate Changes | Senate Version |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$4,814,058 | \$4,814,058 | \$97,125 | \$4,911,183 |
| Operating expenses | 1,156,267 | 1,156,267 | | 1,156,267 |
| Equipment | 60,190 | 60,190 | | 60,190 |
| Capital improvements | 45,410 | 45,410 | | 45,410 |
| Total all funds | \$6,075,925 | \$6,075,925 | \$97,125 | \$6,173,050 |
| Less estimated income | 1,095,624 | 1,095,624 | 0 | 1,095,624 |
| General fund | \$4,980,301 | \$4,980,301 | \$97,125 | \$5,077,426 |
| FTE | 53.10 | 53.10 | 0.00 | 53.10 |

Department No. 252 - School for the Deaf - Detail of Senate Changes

| | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments¹ | Total Senate Changes |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$97,125 | \$97,125 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Equipment | | |
| Capital improvements | | |
| Total all funds | \$97,125 | \$97,125 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | \$97,125 | \$97,125 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 |

¹ The Senate amendment increases the salaries and wages line item by \$97,125 to provide additional compensation payments of \$1,750 per year for teachers at the School for the Deaf.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Deaf - Conference Committee Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Conf. Com. Changes | Conf. Com. Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$4,814,058 | \$4,814,058 | \$74,000 | \$4,888,058 | \$4,911,183 | (\$23,125) |
| Operating expenses | 1,156,267 | 1,156,267 | | 1,156,267 | 1,156,267 | |
| Equipment | 60,190 | 60,190 | | 60,190 | 60,190 | |
| Capital improvements | 45,410 | 45,410 | | 45,410 | 45,410 | |
| Total all funds | \$6,075,925 | \$6,075,925 | \$74,000 | \$6,149,925 | \$6,173,050 | (\$23,125) |
| Less estimated income | 1,095,624 | 1,095,624 | 0 | 1,095,624 | 1,095,624 | 0 |
| General fund | \$4,980,301 | \$4,980,301 | \$74,000 | \$5,054,301 | \$5,077,426 | (\$23,125) |
| FTE | 53.10 | 53.10 | 0.00 | 53.10 | 53.10 | 0.00 |

Department No. 252 - School for the Deaf - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments¹ | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Salaries and wages | \$74,000 | \$74,000 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Equipment | | |
| Capital improvements | | |
| Total all funds | \$74,000 | \$74,000 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | \$74,000 | \$74,000 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 |

¹ The Conference Committee amendment increases the salaries and wages line item by \$74,000 (compared to \$97,125 in the Senate version) to provide additional compensation payments for teachers at the School for the Deaf.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Blind - House Action

| | Executive Budget | House Changes | House Version |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$2,594,638 | \$74,320 | \$2,668,958 |
| Operating expenses | 652,238 | | 652,238 |
| Equipment | 60,000 | | 60,000 |
| Capital improvements | 25,416 | | 25,416 |
| Total all funds | \$3,332,292 | \$74,320 | \$3,406,612 |
| Less estimated income | 1,283,501 | 74,320 | 1,357,821 |
| General fund | \$2,048,791 | \$0 | \$2,048,791 |
| FTE | 28.00 | 1.00 | 29.00 |

Department No. 253 - School for the Blind - Detail of House Changes

| | Add Training Officer II Position¹ | Total House Changes |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$74,320 | \$74,320 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Equipment | | |
| Capital improvements | | |
| Total all funds | \$74,320 | \$74,320 |
| Less estimated income | 74,320 | 74,320 |
| General fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| FTE | 1.00 | 1.00 |

¹ This amendment adds 1 FTE and other funds spending authority for a training officer II position requested by the agency but not included in the Schafer or Hoeven budget recommendations. The other funds are from special fund sources to be determined by the agency. The position is to provide technology training to agency clients in western North Dakota.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Blind - Senate Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Senate Changes | Senate Version |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$2,594,638 | \$2,668,958 | \$73,763 | \$2,742,721 |
| Operating expenses | 652,238 | 652,238 | 10,000 | 662,238 |
| Equipment | 60,000 | 60,000 | | 60,000 |
| Capital improvements | 25,416 | 25,416 | | 25,416 |
| Total all funds | <u>\$3,332,292</u> | <u>\$3,406,612</u> | <u>\$83,763</u> | <u>\$3,490,375</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>1,283,501</u> | <u>1,357,821</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1,357,821</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$2,048,791</u> | <u>\$2,048,791</u> | <u>\$83,763</u> | <u>\$2,132,554</u> |
| FTE | 28.00 | 29.00 | 0.00 | 29.00 |

Department No. 253 - School for the Blind - Detail of Senate Changes

| | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments¹ | Add Operating Expenses for New FTE And Other Costs² | Total Senate Changes |
|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$73,763 | | \$73,763 |
| Operating expenses | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Equipment | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$73,763</u> | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$83,763</u> |
| Less estimated income | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| General fund | <u>\$73,763</u> | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$83,763</u> |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

¹ The Senate amendment increases the salaries and wages line item by \$73,763 to provide additional compensation payments of \$1,750 per year for teachers at the School for the Blind.

² The House added a new training officer II position. The Senate amendment adds \$10,000 for operating expenses relating to the position and for other costs incurred by the agency.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Blind - Conference Committee Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Conf. Com. Changes | Conf. Com. Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$2,594,638 | \$2,668,958 | \$56,200 | \$2,725,158 | \$2,742,721 | (\$17,563) |
| Operating expenses | 652,238 | 652,238 | 10,000 | 662,238 | 662,238 | |
| Equipment | 60,000 | 60,000 | | 60,000 | 60,000 | |
| Capital improvements | 25,416 | 25,416 | | 25,416 | 25,416 | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$3,332,292</u> | <u>\$3,406,612</u> | <u>\$66,200</u> | <u>\$3,472,812</u> | <u>\$3,490,375</u> | <u>(\$17,563)</u> |
| Less estimated income | 1,283,501 | 1,357,821 | 0 | 1,357,821 | 1,357,821 | 0 |
| General fund | <u>\$2,048,791</u> | <u>\$2,048,791</u> | <u>\$66,200</u> | <u>\$2,114,991</u> | <u>\$2,132,554</u> | <u>(\$17,563)</u> |
| FTE | 28.00 | 29.00 | 0.00 | 29.00 | 29.00 | 0.00 |

Department No. 253 - School for the Blind - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Add Funding for Teacher Compensation Payments¹ | Add Operating Expenses for New FTE And Other Costs² | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| Salaries and wages | \$56,200 | | \$56,200 |
| Operating expenses | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Equipment | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | |
| Total all funds | <u>\$56,200</u> | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$66,200</u> |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | <u>\$56,200</u> | <u>\$10,000</u> | <u>\$66,200</u> |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

¹ The Senate amendment increases the salaries and wages line item by \$56,200 (compared to \$73,763 in the Senate version) to provide additional compensation payments for teachers at the School for the Blind.

² The House added a new training officer II position. The Senate amendment adds \$10,000 for operating expenses relating to the position and for other costs incurred by the agency.

House Bill No. 1013 - Vocational Education - Conference Committee Action

| | Executive Budget | House Version | Conf. Com. Changes | Conf. Com. Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grants | | | \$13,000 | \$13,000 | | \$13,000 |
| Total all funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$13,000</u> |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Department No. 270 - Vocational Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Add Funding for Vocational Education Grants | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Grants | \$13,000 | \$13,000 |
| Total all funds | \$13,000 | \$13,000 |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 0 |
| General fund | \$13,000 | \$13,000 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 |

This amendment changes Section 7 of the engrossed bill, which limits the number of FTE positions to be included in the department's 2003-05 biennium base budget request, to reflect the removal of the FTE positions relating to the Division of Independent Study and other FTE changes. The base budget request for the 2003-05 biennium will be limited to 94.25 FTE, one less than the Conference Committee version for the 2001-03 biennium.

This amendment also adds new sections as follows:

- Section 4 directs the Department of Public Instruction to use \$20,000 of the amount appropriated for operating expenses to fund the Red River Valley writing project. The Schafer and Hoeven executive recommendations and the House version included \$10,000 for this project. The Senate amendment directs the department to spend an additional \$10,000 for this project but does not provide additional funding.
- Section 5 directs the department to spend \$1,217,928 of the amount appropriated for operating expenses to develop and administer student tests aligned with the state content standards and to report the results of the tests.
- Section 6 provides that, in addition to other salary increases appropriated by the Legislative Assembly, teachers at the Division of Independent Study, the School for the Blind, and the School for the Deaf will be provided salary increases of \$1,000 for the first year of the biennium and an additional \$2,000 for the second year of the biennium (total of \$4,000 per teacher for the biennium). The Senate version provided a total of \$5,250 per teacher for the biennium. The amounts included in the salaries and wages line items for the respective agencies are:
 - Division of Independent Study - \$72,800
 - School for the Deaf - \$74,000
 - School for the Blind - \$56,200
- Sections 15 and 17 increase the reimbursement rate from 25 cents to 35 cents per mile for in-city busing for schoolbuses with a capacity of 10 or more students.
- Section 18, which appropriates \$13,000 from the general fund to the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education for grants.