

Introduced by

Representatives Kaldor, Hawken, N. Johnson, Mueller

Senators Wardner, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for federally designated head start programs in the
2 state.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
5 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the
6 sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing
7 grants to federally designated head start programs in this state, for the biennium beginning
8 July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013. Any amount provided to the department of human
9 services under this section is contingent upon the department demonstrating that a matching
10 amount has been received through gifts, grants, or donations, from nonstate sources for the
11 purposes of this Act.

12 1. The head start state collaboration administrator shall award grants under this section
13 based on an application and criteria that include:

14 a. The number of low-income or at-risk children and families that a program can
15 serve;

16 b. A program's design, service area, and accessibility to eligible children and
17 families;

18 c. A program's coordination and interaction with licensed child care programs and
19 public and nonpublic schools; and

20 d. Proposals for innovative ways of addressing identified needs of eligible children
21 and families.

22 2. In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, a head start unit must be in
23 compliance with all head start performance standards.

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- 1 3. The department shall monitor and provide oversight of grant recipients in conjunction
- 2 with federal head start triennial monitoring.