

**SENATE BILL NO. 2155**

Introduced by

Senator Oehlke

Representatives D. Johnson, Hofstad

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for grants to institutions of higher education that  
2 provide direct services to students who are hearing-impaired.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much  
6 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of  
7 providing grants to public institutions of higher education in this state which provide direct  
8 services to students who are hearing-impaired, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and  
9 ending June 30, 2011. Moneys appropriated under this section are not subject to section  
10 54-44.1-11.

11 **SECTION 2. USE OF FUNDS.** Before an institution is eligible to receive a grant under  
12 this Act, a representative of the school for the deaf must review the needs of the student who is  
13 hearing-impaired and determine that the services to be provided by the institution are an  
14 appropriate response to the student's needs and are an effective and efficient use of state  
15 resources. An institution may use funds available under this Act only after all other public and  
16 private resources available to assist a student who is hearing-impaired have been exhausted.