

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1491**

Introduced by

Representatives Hager, Hanson, Ista, Schneider, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the superintendent of public instruction to  
2 provide grants to schools for ~~lunch~~meals for students.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -**

5 **GRANTS FOR FREE ~~LUNCHES~~MEALS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the

6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of

7 ~~\$89,500,000~~\$6,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of

8 public instruction for the purpose of providing grants to school districts to defray the expenses of

9 providing ~~lunch~~meals, free of charge, for all students at or below two hundred percent of federal

10 poverty level enrolled in public schools, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending

11 June 30, 2025. The superintendent of public instruction shall develop guidelines and reporting

12 requirements for the grants.