

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2275  
(Senators Luick, Bekkedahl, Davison, Lemm)  
(Representative Fisher)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a pilot program to provide grants to schools that provide instruction in a foreign language to students in kindergarten through grade three; and to provide an appropriation.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Curriculum - Kindergarten through grade three - Foreign language - Pilot program.**

Beginning with the 2025-26 school year and continuing through the 2026-27 school year, the superintendent of public instruction shall establish and operate a pilot program to provide annual grants to schools that provide instruction in a foreign language to students in kindergarten through grade three. Grants awarded under the program may be used for program costs, materials, or stipends. Grants awarded under this program may not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per school per year. The superintendent shall develop the requirements and procedures for a school to participate in the program.

**SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER STIPENDS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$49,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction, for the purpose of creating a pilot program to provide grants to schools that provide instruction in a foreign language to students in kindergarten through grade three, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

Michelle Anderson  
President of the Senate

Roli Weis  
Speaker of the House

David Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

Buell J. Reich  
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2275.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 44            Nays 0            Absent 3  
House Vote:    Yeas 68            Nays 24          Absent 2

David Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 3:27 P M. on March 17, 2025.

Approved at 12:14 P M. on March 18, 2025.

[Signature]  
Governor

Filed in this office this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025,  
at 2:58 o'clock P M.

Michelle Anderson  
Secretary of State