

HOUSE BILL NO. 1208

Introduced by

Representatives M. Ruby, Dobervich, Longmuir, Mitskog, Mock, Pyle

Senators Burckhard, Oban, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a teacher reimbursement program; to provide an
3 appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Teacher reimbursement fund - Program - Administration.**

- 8 1. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer a teacher reimbursement
9 program. The superintendent shall adopt rules to administer the program under this
10 section.
- 11 2. The teacher reimbursement fund is created in the state treasury for the purpose of
12 supporting and reimbursing teachers in accordance with the teacher reimbursement
13 program.
- 14 3. The teacher reimbursement program must:
- 15 a. Allow a teacher employed by a school district in the state to submit receipts to the
16 teacher's employing school district of up to two hundred dollars per school year
17 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the teacher for school supplies and other
18 necessary items not otherwise provided by the school district.
- 19 b. Require the employing school district to reimburse a teacher who submits
20 receipts for out-of-pocket expenses.
- 21 c. Allow the employing school district to submit the receipts to the department of
22 public instruction for reimbursement from the teacher reimbursement fund.
- 23 d. This section does not apply to out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a teacher for
24 electronic devices, including computers.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER TO TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT FUND -**

2 **INTENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
3 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,
4 which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the teacher reimbursement fund for
5 the purpose of administering a teacher reimbursement program in accordance with section 1 of
6 this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

7 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the teacher
8 reimbursement fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or
9 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the
10 purpose of administering the teacher reimbursement program in accordance with section 1 of
11 this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.