

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1015

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions  
2 under the supervision of the director of the office of management and budget; to provide an  
3 exemption; to provide for various transfers; to create and enact section 8 to chapter 160 of the  
4 2007 Session Laws, a new section to chapter 54-27, and paragraph 5 to subdivision b of  
5 subsection 2 of section 57-62-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contingent  
6 distributions of grant assistance money, the allocation of funds to certain coal-producing  
7 counties, and vacant state employee positions; to amend and reenact sections 18-05.1-01,  
8 18-05.1-02, and 18-05.1-03, subdivision s of subsection 3 of section 32-12.2-02, sections  
9 50-24.5-04, 54-06-08.2, 54-21-24, and 54-24-21.1, and subdivision d of subsection 1 of section  
10 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payment from the firefighters death  
11 benefit fund, the reciprocal licensure and classification system to carry a firearm or dangerous  
12 weapon concealed, the personal needs allowance for individuals in basic care facilities, leasing  
13 of office space by state entities, liability of the state, and credit card fees charged by state  
14 agencies; to amend and reenact sections 1 and 2 of House Bill No. 1350 and subsection 1 of  
15 section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2012, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, relating to  
16 the Great Plains applied energy technology center and weather-related transportation funding;  
17 to provide an appropriation for a statewide salary equity pool; to establish a statewide salary  
18 equity pool; to provide for budget section reports; to provide for a transfer of appropriation  
19 authority; to limit the number of full-time equivalent positions; to provide legislative intent; to  
20 provide for a legislative council study; to provide an appropriation to the department of  
21 emergency services; to provide an appropriation to the department of public instruction; to  
22 provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

24 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the

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1 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
2 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
3 other income, to the office of management and budget for the purpose of defraying the  
4 expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011,  
5 as follows:

|                                      | <u>Base Level</u> | Adjustments or<br><u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 8 Salaries and wages                 | \$15, 213,766     | \$1,989,620                           | \$17,203,386         |
| 9 Operating expenses                 | 11,692,136        | 2,796,958                             | 14,489,094           |
| 10 Capital assets                    | 1,645,019         | 3,625,279                             | 5,270,298            |
| 11 Grants                            | 54,000            | 1,000                                 | 55,000               |
| 12 Prairie public broadcasting       | 1,337,138         | 2,016,200                             | 3,353,338            |
| 13 State student internship program  | 0                 | 200,000                               | 200,000              |
| 14 Centers of excellence             | 10,300,000        | (10,300,000)                          | 0                    |
| 15 Heritage center expansion project | 1,500,000         | (1,500,000)                           | 0                    |
| 16 Statewide equity plan             | 10,000,000        | (10,000,000)                          | 0                    |
| 17 State transfers                   | <u>43,150,000</u> | <u>(43,150,000)</u>                   | <u>0</u>             |
| 18 Total all funds                   | \$94,892,059      | (\$54,320,943)                        | \$40,571,116         |
| 19 Less estimated income             | <u>25,229,115</u> | <u>(16,390,195)</u>                   | <u>8,838,920</u>     |
| 20 Total general fund                | \$69,662,944      | (\$37,930,748)                        | \$31,732,196         |
| 21 Full-time equivalent positions    | 132.50            | 0.00                                  | 132.50               |

22 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL FISCAL STABILIZATION - OTHER**

23 **GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUNDS - ADDITIONAL FUNDING APPROVAL.** The funds  
24 provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from  
25 federal fiscal stabilization - other government services funds made available to the governor  
26 under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, not otherwise  
27 appropriated, to the office of management and budget, for the period beginning with the  
28 effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 29 Information technology, accounting, and verification | <u>\$289,494</u> |
| 30 Total federal funds                                  | \$289,494        |

1           The office of management and budget may seek emergency commission and budget  
2 section approval under chapter 54-16 for authority to spend any additional federal funds  
3 received under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in excess of the  
4 amounts appropriated under this section, for the period beginning with the effective date of this  
5 Act and ending June 30, 2011.

6           Any federal funds appropriated under this section are not a part of the agency's 2011-13  
7 base budget. Any program expenditures made with these funds will not be replaced with state  
8 funds after the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds are no longer  
9 available.

10           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - PERMANENT OIL TAX TRUST FUND -**  
11 **WEATHER-RELATED ASSISTANCE.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
12 permanent oil tax trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
13 \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of management and  
14 budget for the purpose of matching federal United States department of agriculture funds to  
15 assist North Dakota ranchers affected by severe winter weather and flooding, for the period  
16 beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2009.

17           **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FUND.**  
18 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
19 appropriated, the sum of \$4,450,000, which the office of management and budget shall transfer  
20 to the centers of excellence fund for the purpose of providing funding for 2007-09 centers of  
21 excellence awarded projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,  
22 2011.

23           **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - PERMANENT OIL TAX TRUST FUND.** During the  
24 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, the office of management and  
25 budget shall transfer \$140,000,000 from the permanent oil tax trust fund to the general fund.

26           **SECTION 6. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**  
27 **SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time  
28 funding items approved by the sixtieth legislative assembly for the 2007-09 biennium and the  
29 2009-11 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

| 30 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>2007-09</u> | <u>2009-11</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|
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|   |   |                   |                  |
|---|---|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Maintenance                               | \$3,000,000       | \$0              |
| 2 | Prairie public broadcasting               | 686,000           | 2,016,200        |
| 3 | Centers of excellence                     | 15,000,000        | 0                |
| 4 | ConnectND                                 | 0                 | 1,000,000        |
| 5 | Facility management repairs and equipment | 0                 | 2,850,000        |
| 6 | Administration projects                   | <u>0</u>          | <u>126,041</u>   |
| 7 | Total all funds                           | \$18,686,000      | \$5,992,241      |
| 8 | Total special funds                       | <u>15,000,000</u> | <u>1,008,100</u> |
| 9 | Total general fund                        | \$3,686,000       | \$4,984,141      |

10 The 2009-11 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the  
11 2011-13 biennium. The information technology department shall report to the appropriations  
12 committees of the sixty-second legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the  
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

14 **SECTION 7. PERMANENT OIL TAX TRUST FUND.** The estimated income line item  
15 in section 1 of this Act includes \$1,008,100 from the permanent oil tax trust fund for the prairie  
16 public broadcasting digital conversion, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending  
17 June 30, 2011.

18 **SECTION 8. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for the fiscal management  
19 division, as contained in section 3 of chapter 27 of the 2007 session laws is not subject to the  
20 provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available  
21 for continued development and operating costs of the accounting, management, and payroll  
22 systems, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

23 **SECTION 9. INTENT.** Within the authority included in section 1 of this Act are the  
24 following grants and special items:

|    |  |             |
|----|--|-------------|
| 25 | Boys and girls clubwork                | \$53,000    |
| 26 | State contingencies                    | \$700,000   |
| 27 | State memberships and related expenses | \$611,000   |
| 28 | Unemployment insurance                 | \$1,500,000 |
| 29 | Capitol grounds planning commission    | \$25,000    |

30 **SECTION 10. STATE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.** The human resources  
31 division of the office of management and budget may transfer to each eligible agency

1 appropriated general fund spending authority from the state student internship program line  
2 item contained in section 1 of this Act.

3 **SECTION 11. INTENT - STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS -**

4 **GUIDELINES.** It is the intent of the sixty-first legislative assembly that 2009-11 compensation  
5 adjustments for regular state employees are to vary based on documented performance and  
6 equity and are not necessarily to be five percent annual increases for each employee. General  
7 increases based on legislative appropriations are to be given beginning with the month of July  
8 2009, to be paid in August 2009, and beginning with the month of July 2010, to be paid in  
9 August 2010. Each agency appropriation is increased by five percent for the first year of the  
10 2009-11 biennium and five percent for the second year of the 2009-11 biennium.

11 Employees whose overall documented performance level does not meet standards are  
12 not eligible for any salary increase. Each employee whose documented performance meets all  
13 standards is to receive a minimum increase of \$100 on July 1, 2009, and \$100 on July 1, 2010.

14 Probationary employees are not entitled to the general increases. However,  
15 probationary employees may be given all or a portion of the increases effective in July, paid in  
16 August, or upon completion of probation, at the discretion of the appointing authority.

17 During the biennium, no salary increase other than the \$100 minimum increase or a  
18 temporary increase may be given to an employee whose salary exceeds or would exceed the  
19 salary range maximum.

20 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-05.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **18-05.1-01. ~~Firefighters death benefit fund~~ Payments to deceased firefighter's**

23 **survivor.** The firefighters death benefit fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The  
24 revenue provided in section 26.1-03-17 must be deposited in the fund and is appropriated on a  
25 continuing basis to the insurance commissioner for disbursement as provided in this chapter.

26 The insurance commissioner shall administer the fund.

27 **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-05.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29 **18-05.1-02. Payments from firefighters death benefit fund.** ~~The governing body of~~  
30 ~~a municipality having a paid fire department or the governing body of a city or rural fire~~  
31 ~~protection district having no paid fire department may request that the insurance commissioner~~

1 ~~pay ten thousand dollars from the firefighters death benefit fund to the estate of a firefighter~~  
2 ~~who dies from an injury sustained while responding to, during, or within forty eight hours after a~~  
3 ~~fire emergency or training activity.~~ The insurance commissioner shall pay ten thousand dollars  
4 to the a deceased firefighter's estate survivor upon receipt of the a request for payment and  
5 ~~upon receipt of evidence that the~~ of a line of duty death occurred from an injury sustained while  
6 ~~responding to, during, or within forty eight hours after a fire emergency~~ from the fire chief or the  
7 fire chief's designee of a city fire department, rural fire department, or rural fire protection  
8 district.

9 **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-05.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **18-05.1-03. Definition Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, ~~firefighter:~~

- 12 1. "Firefighter" means an individual who is a member of a paid or volunteer fire  
13 department that is a part of or is administered by this state, any political  
14 subdivision of this state, or a rural fire protection district.
- 15 2. "Line of duty death" means a death that was due to an injury sustained while  
16 performing firefighter duties if the death occurred within forty-eight hours of  
17 participating in an emergency response or training event. Death from a heart  
18 attack or stroke is deemed to be a line of duty death if it occurs within forty-eight  
19 hours of an emergency response or training event.
- 20 3. "Survivor" means the spouse of a deceased firefighter who died in the line of duty.  
21 If there is no spouse, the term means the individual designated in writing by the  
22 deceased firefighter as beneficiary of the Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act [42  
23 U.S.C. 3796 et seq.] death benefit, or if no beneficiary is designated, the deceased  
24 firefighter's estate.

25 **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision s of subsection 3 of section 32-12.2-02 of  
26 the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 27 s. A claim for liability assumed under contract, except this exclusion does not  
28 apply to liability arising from a state employee's operation of a rental vehicle if  
29 the ~~vehicle is rented for a period of thirty days or less and the loss is not~~  
30 covered by the state employee's personal insurance or by the vehicle rental  
31 company.

1           **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code  
2 as amended in section 21 of House Bill No. 1012, as approved by the sixty-first legislative  
3 assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

4           **50-24.5-04. Services provided - Limit on cost.** Services provided under this chapter  
5 must be treated as necessary remedial care to the extent those services are not covered under  
6 the medical assistance program. The cost of the services provided under this chapter to a  
7 person residing in a basic care or adult family foster care facility for which the rate charged  
8 includes room and board is limited to the rate set for services in that facility, plus ~~seventy-five~~  
9 eighty-five dollars, less that person's total income.

10          **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-06-08.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12          **54-06-08.2. Payment by credit or debit card or by electronic fund transfer - State**  
13 **credit card processor - Fees.**

- 14          1. A state agency, board, or commission, the judicial branch, or any political  
15 subdivision may accept payment by credit or debit card or by electronic fund  
16 transfer of any fee, interest, penalty, tax, or other payment that is due or collectible  
17 by the agency, board, or commission. The judicial branch may accept payment by  
18 credit or debit card or by electronic fund transfer for any fees, costs, or other  
19 assessments required or imposed under state law or court rule.
- 20          2. The Bank of North Dakota is the state credit card administrator for credit card  
21 transactions of state agencies, boards, or commissions. The Bank of North  
22 Dakota shall select a credit card processor or processors to provide credit card  
23 services to state agencies, boards, and commissions. All funds from credit card  
24 transactions must be deposited in the respective entity's account in the Bank of  
25 North Dakota. ~~If on January 1, 1997, any state agency, board, or commission~~  
26 ~~uses a credit card processor other than a credit card processor selected by the~~  
27 ~~Bank of North Dakota, it may continue using that processor until June 30, 1999, or~~  
28 ~~until transition to the state processor is available with minimal fee or penalty,~~  
29 ~~whichever is earlier. The judicial branch may accept payment by credit card for~~  
30 ~~any fees, costs, or other assessments required or imposed under state law or court~~  
31 ~~rule.~~

1           3. Except as otherwise provided under section 20.1-03-32, in accordance with rules  
2           adopted by the office of management and budget, an executive branch agency  
3           may charge a fee to be added to a payment as a service charge for the  
4           acceptance of a payment made by a credit or debit card or an electronic fund  
5           transfer. The office of management and budget shall adopt rules establishing the  
6           terms under which executive agencies may charge a service fee under this  
7           subsection.

8           **SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET -**  
9           **STATEWIDE SALARY EQUITY POOL.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
10          general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$9,000,000, or so  
11          much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds, derived from federal funds or  
12          other income, the sum of \$6,984,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office  
13          of management and budget for the purpose of providing statewide salary equity adjustments for  
14          state employees of the executive branch in accordance with provisions of section 19 of this Act,  
15          for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

16          **SECTION 19. STATEWIDE SALARY EQUITY POOL FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH**  
17          **STATE EMPLOYEES.** The statewide salary equity pool appropriation included in section 18 of  
18          this Act must be used for market equity compensation adjustments for state employees of  
19          executive branch agencies, institutions, and departments, excluding entities under the control  
20          of the state board of higher education. The market equity adjustments are to begin with the  
21          month of July 2009, to be paid in August 2009. The market equity adjustments must be given  
22          after any July 2009 general compensation increases authorized by the sixty-first legislative  
23          assembly. The market equity adjustments are independent of any general salary increase  
24          provided by the legislative assembly.

25          The market equity increases are to be prioritized based on a statewide plan to address  
26          occupational market disparities, economic growth areas, recruitment and retention challenges,  
27          and internal and external pay inequities for employees who are critical to the mission of the  
28          agency. The plan must give priority to employees who have been employed by the state for the  
29          greatest length of time and are furthest below their salary range midpoint. The office of  
30          management and budget, in developing the plan, shall consider employee pay comparisons to



1 similar occupational classifications of other North Dakota employers and employers in  
2 Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

3 Probationary employees are eligible for the market equity increases. Employees whose  
4 documented performance levels do not meet standards are not eligible for the market equity  
5 increases.

6 Human resource management services shall provide a model base plan to each  
7 agency. Agencies may adopt the model plan, adopt the model plan with exceptions, or offer an  
8 alternative plan that meets the intent outlined in this section.

9 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to the allocation of funds from this  
10 statewide salary equity pool, the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation  
11 authority from the statewide salary equity pool appropriation included in section 18 of this Act to  
12 eligible agencies as determined by the office of management and budget based on each  
13 agency's submission and approval by the office of management and budget of a salary equity  
14 plan for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

15 **SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **54-21-24. Additional office space may be obtained outside state capitol.** ~~In the~~  
18 ~~event that~~ If office space in the state capitol ~~building~~ becomes insufficient to accommodate the  
19 various state departments, agencies, and boards, the director of the office of management and  
20 budget ~~may~~ upon request of the department, agency, or board shall negotiate for, contract for,  
21 and obtain ~~such~~ additional office space outside the state capitol in the city of Bismarck or in the  
22 Bismarck area as is necessary in order to provide accommodations for all state departments,  
23 agencies, and boards. When office space is obtained in this manner, ~~any~~ the department,  
24 agency, or board ~~which that~~ occupies ~~such~~ the office space ~~must be~~ is deemed to be located at  
25 the state capitol for purposes of statutes ~~which that~~ require that a department, agency, or board  
26 must be maintained at the state capitol, and the director shall charge an amount equal to the  
27 fair value of the office space and other services rendered to all departments ~~which that~~ receive  
28 and expend moneys from other than the general fund, except that for good cause the amounts  
29 charged may be waived by the director for a one-year period of time with ~~such~~ the waiver being  
30 subject to further annual renewals after proper application has been filed with the director. The

1 department, agency, or board for which the office space is sought must approve the office  
2 space before the director may finalize a contract or lease for the office space.

3 **SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **54-21-24.1. Lease of additional space by state agencies, departments, offices,**  
6 **officers, boards, and institutions.** ~~No~~ A lease or rental agreement or renewal of ~~such~~ the  
7 lease or rental agreement for the lease or rental of buildings or portions of buildings for use by  
8 ~~the state may be entered into by~~ state agencies, departments, offices, officers, boards, and  
9 institutions, other than institutions under the board of higher education, the adjutant general and  
10 department of transportation office and storage space for field engineering and maintenance  
11 crews, unless approved may be entered by the director of the office of management and  
12 budget ~~and unless the attorney general has determined~~ subject to a determination of the legal  
13 sufficiency of such the lease or rental agreement. To ~~assure~~ ensure economy, efficiency, and  
14 cooperation between the state and its political subdivisions, and to limit the number of locations  
15 of state offices for the convenience of ~~persons~~ individuals traveling to ~~such~~ the offices, the  
16 director shall promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ governing the lease or rental of additional  
17 buildings or portions ~~thereof~~ of the buildings by ~~such~~ state agencies, departments, offices,  
18 officers, boards, and institutions other than those under the board of higher education, the  
19 adjutant general, and department of transportation office and storage space for field  
20 engineering and maintenance crews. The department, agency, or board for which the office  
21 space is sought must approve the office space before the director may finalize a contract or  
22 lease for the office space.

23 **SECTION 22. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - CAPITOL GROUNDS.** During the  
24 2009-10 interim, the legislative council shall consider studying the capitol complex master plan,  
25 including a review of parking needs on the capitol grounds. The legislative council shall report  
26 its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
27 recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.

28 **SECTION 23.** A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
29 created and enacted as follows:

30 **Vacant state employee positions salary savings - Budget section reports - Budget**  
31 **section review and approval.** The head of each executive branch agency, department, and

1 institution shall report each month to the office of management and budget the number of  
2 vacant full-time equivalent employee positions and related salary and fringe benefit savings.  
3 The office of management and budget shall report at each budget section meeting on the  
4 cumulative savings resulting from the vacant positions. Agencies, departments, and institutions  
5 reporting vacant positions under this section may spend funds available as a result of these  
6 vacant positions, subject to approval by the office of management and budget in an amount  
7 that does not exceed a cumulative amount of two million dollars for a biennium for payment of  
8 accrued annual leave and sick leave balances for eligible employees upon retirement or  
9 resignation, employee workload increases, employee reclassifications, and unanticipated  
10 overtime. The office of management and budget shall report periodically to the budget section  
11 on the amounts spent for each of these purposes by agency. Agencies, departments, and  
12 institutions may not spend any remaining savings from these vacant positions without prior  
13 approval of the office of management and budget and the budget section.

14         **SECTION 24.** Paragraph 5 to subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 57-62-02 of the  
15 North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

16                 (5) The state treasurer shall allocate funds provided by legislative  
17 appropriation to cities, the county general fund, and school districts  
18 within a coal-producing county according to the allocation method  
19 provided in subdivision a in an amount to offset fifty percent of the loss  
20 of that county's share of coal severance tax revenue allocated to a  
21 non-coal-producing county under this subdivision in the previous  
22 calendar year. The state treasurer shall make the allocation, within the  
23 limits of legislative appropriations, under this paragraph at the time and  
24 in the manner funds are distributed under this section. The state  
25 treasurer shall include in each biennial budget request the amounts  
26 estimated to be necessary for the biennium for purposes of this  
27 paragraph, based on the allocations under this subdivision in the most  
28 recent calendar years.

29         **SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision d of subsection 1 of section 62.1-04-03 of  
30 the North Dakota Century Code as amended in section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2415, as approved  
31 by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

1           d. The applicant has the written approval for the issuance of a license from the  
2           sheriff of the applicant's county of residence, and, if the city has one, the chief  
3           of police or a designee of the city in which the applicant resides. The  
4           approval by the sheriff may not be given until the applicant has successfully  
5           completed a background investigation in that county and has successfully  
6           completed the testing procedure conducted by a certified firearm or  
7           dangerous weapon instructor. The person conducting the testing may assess  
8           a charge of up to fifty dollars for conducting this testing. The attorney general  
9           may certify a firearm or dangerous weapon instructor based upon criteria and  
10          guidelines prescribed by the director of the bureau of criminal investigation.

11          **SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2012, as  
12 approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

13          1. Ten million dollars to townships in accordance with the ~~formula~~ provisions used to  
14          distribute funds to townships under section 54-27-19.1, except that organized  
15          townships are not required to provide matching funds to receive distributions under  
16          this section.

17          **SECTION 27. ELECTRONIC BUDGET PRESENTATION - PILOT PROJECT.** The  
18 office of management and budget shall select two agencies to present their proposed 2011-13  
19 budgets and related information electronically to the appropriations committees of the  
20 sixty-second legislative assembly. Each state agency selected shall use an electronic format to  
21 present and distribute any information regarding its budget, including testimony, supporting  
22 documentation, and related materials.

23          **SECTION 28. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of House Bill No. 1350, as approved by the  
24 sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

25          **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
26 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so  
27 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of  
28 providing a grant for construction of a great plains applied energy ~~research~~ technology center  
29 on the Bismarck state college campus, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending  
30 June 30, 2011. The department of commerce may spend the general fund appropriation only  
31 when the department certifies to the office of management and budget that:

- 1           1.   The center has completed a detailed business plan demonstrating positive  
2                    outcomes relating to the development of end-use products and the public policy  
3                    required to support the products; the use of technology developed at regional  
4                    research universities; and the testing, development, and application of products  
5                    and technology to address problems relating to the transmission and storage of  
6                    electricity;
- 7           2.   Other nonstate matching funds of three dollars for each one dollar of grant funds  
8                    are available for all costs of the center, a portion of which must be from the private  
9                    sector;
- 10       ~~2.~~ 3.   The state will be a proportionate owner in the center based on the state's  
11                    contribution percentage of all costs of the center;
- 12       ~~3.~~ 4.   The state will not be responsible for any future operational costs, including  
13                    property tax, of the center; ~~and~~
- 14       ~~4.~~ 5.   The center will be subject to local property tax assessments at the discretion of the  
15                    local taxing authority;
- 16       6.   The grant recipient is a state entity or private nonprofit entity; and
- 17       7.   The department has completed an independent comprehensive commercialization  
18                    study, developed a business and operational plan for the center with a clearly  
19                    defined mission and objectives, and received budget section approval.

20           **SECTION 29. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of House Bill No. 1350, as approved by the  
21 sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

22           **SECTION 2. REPORT REPORTS TO THE BUDGET SECTION.** The department of  
23 commerce shall present the independent comprehensive commercialization study and related  
24 business and operational plan for the center to the budget section for approval. The  
25 department shall also provide a report to the budget section at its first meeting after  
26 September 1, 2009, and at its first meeting after March 1, 2010, regarding the status of the  
27 construction of a great ~~plans~~ plains applied energy ~~research~~ technology center, including the  
28 extent to which nonstate matching funds have been made available for the project.

29           **SECTION 30.** Section 8 to chapter 160 of the 2007 Session Laws is created and  
30 enacted as follows:

1           **SECTION 8. CONTINGENT MONEY.** If any money appropriated to the state board of  
2 higher education for grant assistance to tribally controlled community colleges remains after the  
3 board complies with all statutory payment obligations imposed under this Act, the state board  
4 shall distribute a prorated amount per full-time equivalent nonbeneficiary student.

5           **SECTION 31. STATE EMPLOYEE ACCRUED LEAVE PAYMENTS - BUDGET**

6           **SECTION REPORT.** The office of management and budget shall prepare and report to the  
7 budget section alternative methods of budgeting for the compensation of state employee  
8 accrued annual leave and sick leave. The information presented must include the number of  
9 employees compensated and the total amount paid by agency for the 2007-09 and 2005-07  
10 bienniums. The office of management and budget shall present this report to the budget  
11 section at its first meeting after December 1, 2009. The budget section shall determine the  
12 method to be used for providing funding for these items in the preparation of the 2011-13  
13 executive budget.

14           **SECTION 32. 2011-13 BIENNIUM BUDGET REQUESTS - RECOMMENDATION -**

15 **FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the office  
16 of management and budget, in preparation of the 2011-13 executive budget, shall limit the total  
17 number of full-time equivalent positions for executive branch agencies, departments, and  
18 institutions included in agency budget requests and the executive budget recommendation to  
19 the same level approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly in total for these entities, for the  
20 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

21           **SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.**

22 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
23 appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
24 department of public instruction for the development and customization of a North Dakota  
25 personal finance schoolbook, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,  
26 2011.

27           **SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.**

28 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
29 appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the  
30 department of emergency services for the purpose of providing grants to eligible political  
31 subdivisions for up to fifty percent of the costs incurred by the political subdivisions in meeting

1 the local cost-share required by the federal emergency management agency for disaster,  
2 emergency response, and recovery costs, and for up to fifty percent of the costs incurred by the  
3 political subdivisions for disaster, emergency response, and recovery costs not covered by the  
4 federal emergency management agency, for the period beginning with the effective date of this  
5 Act and ending June 30, 2011. For the purposes of this section, an eligible political subdivision  
6 is one that experienced damage or destruction due to a tornado during the summer of 2007.

7 **SECTION 35. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 24 of this Act is effective for taxable events  
8 occurring after June 30, 2011.

9 **SECTION 36. EMERGENCY.** Sections 2, 3, 30, and 34 of this Act are declared to be  
10 an emergency measure.