

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2001**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch
2 of state government; to provide for applications, transfers, and cancellation of unexpended
3 appropriations; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to the creation of a state revenue advisory committee; and to declare an
5 emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
8 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from the insurance
10 regulatory trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of state government
11 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government, for the
12 fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

13 Subdivision 1.

14 SIXTY-FIFTH AND SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

| | | Adjustments or | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 17 Salaries and wages | \$10,004,373 | \$229,051 | \$10,233,424 |
| 18 Operating expenses | 3,467,629 | 226,962 | 3,694,591 |
| 19 Capital assets | 16,800 | (10,800) | 6,000 |
| 20 National conference of state legislatures | <u>241,263</u> | <u>(16,108)</u> | <u>225,155</u> |
| 21 Total general fund | \$13,730,065 | \$429,105 | \$14,159,170 |

22 Subdivision 2.

23 LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly

| | | Adjustments or | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | Salaries and wages | (\$130,912) | \$9,049,530 |
| 4 | Operating expenses | <u>48,640</u> | <u>2,886,608</u> |
| 5 | Total all funds | (\$82,272) | \$11,936,138 |
| 6 | Less estimated income | <u>70,000</u> | <u>70,000</u> |
| 7 | Total general fund | (\$82,272) | \$11,866,138 |
| 8 | Full-time equivalent positions | (1.00) | 36.00 |
| 9 | Subdivision 3. | | |

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|----|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 10 | BILL TOTAL | | |
| 11 | | Adjustments or | |
| 12 | | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Enhancements</u> |
| 13 | Grand total general fund | \$346,833 | \$26,025,308 |
| 14 | Grand total special funds | <u>70,000</u> | <u>70,000</u> |
| 15 | Grand total all funds | \$346,833 | \$26,095,308 |

16 **SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE.** The salaries and wages line item in
 17 subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1 of this Act include funding from the general fund for increases
 18 in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month. Total funding
 19 provided from the general fund is as follows:

| | | |
|----|----------------------|---------------|
| 20 | Legislative assembly | \$353,769 |
| 21 | Legislative council | <u>95,568</u> |
| 22 | Total | \$449,337 |

23 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts
 24 reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted
 25 for the 2015-17 biennium:

| | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>2015-17</u> | <u>2017-19</u> |
|----|---|----------------|----------------|
| 26 | | | |
| 27 | Judicial wing meeting rooms | \$160,000 | \$0 |
| 28 | Information technology equipment | 603,050 | 0 |
| 29 | LEGEND maintenance | 191,760 | 0 |
| 30 | Council of State Governments conference | <u>160,000</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 31 | Total general fund | \$1,114,810 | \$0 |

1 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ONE-TIME**

2 **FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the
3 sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium:

| 4 | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>2015-17</u> | <u>2017-19</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | Office equipment replacement | \$30,000 | \$0 |
| 6 | Office improvements | 50,000 | 0 |
| 7 | Oil and gas tax study | 395,000 | 0 |
| 8 | Information technology equipment | <u>135,460</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 9 | Total general fund | \$610,460 | \$0 |

10 **SECTION 5. TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-05, the director of the office of
11 management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between line
12 items of appropriations for the legislative management and legislative council as may be
13 requested by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative
14 council upon the finding by the chairman or the director that the nature of studies and duties
15 assigned to the legislative management or legislative council requires the transfers in properly
16 carrying on the legislative management's and legislative council's functions and duties. The
17 director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall similarly make
18 transfers of funds between the line items for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth legislative assemblies,
19 upon request by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative
20 council upon the finding by the chairman or director that the transfers are required for the
21 legislative assembly to carry on its functions and duties.

22 **SECTION 6. APPLICATION, TRANSFER AUTHORITY, AND CANCELLATION OF**

23 **UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** Sections 54-16-04 and 54-44.1-11 do not apply to
24 chapter 1 of the 2015 Session Laws. The director of the office of management and budget and
25 the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between the line items and the agencies of the
26 legislative branch within section 1 of that chapter as requested by the chairman of the legislative
27 management or the director of the legislative council. The office of management and budget
28 shall cancel unexpended appropriations for the legislative assembly and legislative council
29 enacted prior to the 2015-17 biennium as directed by the chairman of the legislative
30 management or the director of the legislative council.

1 **SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
2 and enacted as follows:

3 **State revenue advisory committee.**

4 1. There is created a state revenue advisory committee consisting of five members of the
5 house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house of
6 representatives, and four members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of
7 the senate. The number of committee members from the majority party and the
8 minority party must be in proportion to the total number of majority and minority party
9 members of the house of representatives and the senate. The committee shall select a
10 chairman and vice chairman from its membership. The legislative council shall staff
11 the committee. The members of the committee are entitled to compensation from the
12 legislative council for attendance at committee meetings at the rate provided for
13 members of the legislative assembly for attendance at interim committee meetings
14 and are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the meetings in
15 the amounts provided by law for other state officers.

16 2. The committee shall:

- 17 a. Monitor state revenues and state economic activity, review economic forecasting
18 data and models, and review and analyze the executive revenue forecasts and
19 alternative revenue forecasts.
- 20 b. Review and assess state agency revenues, including revenues received by the
21 information technology department and the department of transportation's state
22 fleet services from other state agencies. The review of information technology
23 and state fleet services revenues must include an assessment of the delivery and
24 cost of services, staffing, and billing processes to identify improvements to the
25 efficiency and effectiveness of the services that will result in reduced costs for
26 state agencies.
- 27 c. Provide recommendations to reduce costs for state agencies to the director of the
28 office of management and budget for use in developing agency biennial budget
29 requests.
- 30 d. Prepare a biennial report to the legislative management and provide
31 recommendations to the appropriations committees of the legislative assembly.

- 1 3. The committee may:
- 2 a. Enter into contracts, subject to the availability of funding, with economic
- 3 forecasting entities to provide economic data specific to North Dakota;
- 4 b. Request information and assistance from state agency personnel as needed;
- 5 c. Consider input from representatives of private sector entities regarding the
- 6 economic conditions of the state;
- 7 d. Develop alternative revenue forecasts; and
- 8 e. Share information associated with state revenues and economic activity with the
- 9 governor and the director of the office of management and budget.

10 **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.