

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee 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 legislative revenue advisory committee; to provide for  
5 legislative management studies; and to declare an 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>
15			
16			
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>73,640</u>	<u>2,911,608</u>
5	Total all funds	(\$57,272)	\$11,961,138
6	Less estimated income	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
7	Total general fund	(\$57,272)	\$11,891,138
8	Full-time equivalent positions	(1.00)	36.00
9	Subdivision 3.		

10	BILL TOTAL		
11		Adjustments or	
12		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>
13	Grand total general fund	\$371,833	\$26,050,308
14	Grand total special funds	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
15	Grand total all funds	\$371,833	\$26,120,308

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       **Legislative revenue advisory committee.**

- 4       1. The legislative management, during each biennium, shall appoint a legislative revenue  
5 advisory committee. The committee must consist of the majority and minority leaders  
6 of the house and senate, the chairs of the house and senate appropriations  
7 committees, one member appointed by the house majority leader, and one member  
8 appointed by the senate majority leader. The legislative management shall designate  
9 the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate according to the statutes  
10 and procedures governing the operation of other legislative management interim  
11 committees. The committee may contract with economic forecasting entities to provide  
12 economic data specific to North Dakota for state revenue forecasting purposes.
- 13       2. The committee shall monitor state revenues and state economic activity, review  
14 economic forecasting data and models, review and analyze executive revenue  
15 forecasts and alternative revenue forecasts, and conduct other assigned studies.
- 16       3. The committee shall review and assess agency revenues, including an assessment of  
17 the delivery and cost of services, staffing, and billing processes, to identify  
18 improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the services that will result in  
19 reduced costs for state agencies.
- 20       4. The committee shall consider input from representatives of the office of management  
21 and budget, office of the tax commissioner, industrial commission, other state  
22 agencies, and private sector entities.
- 23       5. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislative  
24 management for use in establishing the state revenue forecast.

25       **SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

26 **DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND COSTS.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative  
27 management shall consider studying the delivery and cost of the information technology  
28 department's services provided to state agencies. The study must include a review of the  
29 department's cost of services, staffing, and billing processes and must identify improvements to  
30 the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's services that will result in reduced costs for  
31 state agencies. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations,

1 together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth  
2 legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE FLEET SERVICES AND**

4 **COSTS.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the  
5 delivery and cost of the department of transportation's state fleet services for state agencies.

6 The study must include a review of the department's cost of services, staffing, and billing  
7 processes and identify improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the state fleet

8 services that will result in reduced costs for state agencies. The legislative management shall  
9 report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement

10 the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

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