

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2001  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government; to provide for applications, transfers, and cancellation of unexpended appropriations; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a legislative revenue advisory committee; to provide for legislative management studies; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

Subdivision 1.

SIXTY-FIFTH AND SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

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

Subdivision 2.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$9,180,442	(\$130,912)	\$9,049,530
Operating expenses	<u>2,837,968</u>	<u>73,640</u>	<u>2,911,608</u>
Total all funds	\$12,018,410	(\$57,272)	\$11,961,138
Less estimated income	<u>70,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Total general fund	\$11,948,410	(\$57,272)	\$11,891,138
Full-time equivalent positions	37.00	(1.00)	36.00

Subdivision 3.

BILL TOTAL

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total general fund	\$25,678,475	\$371,833	\$26,050,308
Grand total special funds	<u>70,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Grand total all funds	\$25,748,475	\$371,833	\$26,120,308

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

Legislative assembly	\$353,769
Legislative council	<u>95,568</u>
Total	\$449,337

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

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

**SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium:

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

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

**SECTION 6. APPLICATION, TRANSFER AUTHORITY, AND CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** Sections 54-16-04 and 54-44.1-11 do not apply to chapter 1 of the 2015 Session Laws. The director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between the line items and the agencies of the legislative branch within section 1 of that chapter as requested by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative council. The office of management and budget shall cancel unexpended appropriations for the legislative assembly and legislative council enacted prior to the 2015-17 biennium as directed by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative council.

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

**Legislative revenue advisory committee.**

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

**SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND COSTS.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the delivery and cost of the information technology department's services provided to state agencies. The study must include a review of the department's cost of services, staffing, and billing processes and must identify improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's services that will result in reduced costs for state agencies. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE FLEET SERVICES AND COSTS.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the delivery and cost of the department of transportation's state fleet services for state agencies. The study must include a review of the department's cost of services, staffing, and billing processes and identify improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the state fleet services that will result in reduced costs for state agencies. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2001 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 81                      Nays 7                      Absent 6

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Speaker of the House

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State