

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## 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

|   | <u>Base Level</u>       | <u>Adjustments or<br/>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u>    |
|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 17 <del>Salaries and wages</del>                        | <del>\$10,004,373</del> | <del>\$258,322</del>                   | <del>\$10,262,695</del> |
| 18 <del>Operating expenses</del>                        | <del>3,467,629</del>    | <del>226,962</del>                     | <del>3,694,591</del>    |
| 19 <del>Capital assets</del>                            | <del>16,800</del>       | <del>(10,800)</del>                    | <del>6,000</del>        |
| 20 <del>National conference of state legislatures</del> | <del>241,263</del>      | <del>8,909</del>                       | <del>250,172</del>      |
| 21 <del>Total general fund</del>                        | <del>\$13,730,065</del> | <del>\$483,393</del>                   | <del>\$14,213,458</del> |
| 22 <u>Salaries and wages</u>                            | <u>\$10,004,373</u>     | <u>\$229,051</u>                       | <u>\$10,233,424</u>     |
| 23 <u>Operating expenses</u>                            | <u>3,467,629</u>        | <u>226,962</u>                         | <u>3,694,591</u>        |
| 24 <u>Capital assets</u>                                | <u>16,800</u>           | <u>(10,800)</u>                        | <u>6,000</u>            |

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|   |   |              |           |              |
|---|---|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | National conference of state legislatures | 241,263      | (16,108)  | 225,155      |
| 2 | Total general fund                        | \$13,730,065 | \$429,105 | \$14,159,170 |

Subdivision 2.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

|    | Base Level                                | Adjustments or<br>Enhancements | Appropriation         |                         |
|----|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 7  | <del>Salaries and wages</del>             | <del>\$9,180,442</del>         | <del>(\$11,376)</del> | <del>\$9,169,066</del>  |
| 8  | <del>Operating expenses</del>             | <del>2,837,968</del>           | <del>105,502</del>    | <del>2,943,470</del>    |
| 9  | <del>Capital assets</del>                 | <del>0</del>                   | <del>30,000</del>     | <del>30,000</del>       |
| 10 | <del>Total all funds</del>                | <del>\$12,018,410</del>        | <del>\$124,126</del>  | <del>\$12,142,536</del> |
| 11 | <del>Less estimated income</del>          | <del>70,000</del>              | <del>0</del>          | <del>70,000</del>       |
| 12 | <del>Total general fund</del>             | <del>\$11,948,410</del>        | <del>\$124,126</del>  | <del>\$12,072,536</del> |
| 13 | <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del> | <del>37.00</del>               | <del>(1.00)</del>     | <del>36.00</del>        |
| 14 | Salaries and wages                        | \$9,180,442                    | (\$130,912)           | \$9,049,530             |
| 15 | Operating expenses                        | 2,837,968                      | 73,640                | 2,911,608               |
| 16 | Total all funds                           | \$12,018,410                   | (\$57,272)            | \$11,961,138            |
| 17 | Less estimated income                     | 70,000                         | 0                     | 70,000                  |
| 18 | Total general fund                        | \$11,948,410                   | (\$57,272)            | \$11,891,138            |
| 19 | Full-time equivalent positions            | 37.00                          | (1.00)                | 36.00                   |

Subdivision 3.

BILL TOTAL

|    | Base Level                | Adjustments or<br>Enhancements | Appropriation |              |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 24 | Grand total general fund  | \$25,678,475                   | \$607,519     | \$26,285,994 |
| 25 | Grand total special funds | 70,000                         | 0             | 70,000       |
| 26 | Grand total all funds     | \$25,748,475                   | \$607,519     | \$26,355,994 |
| 27 | Grand total general fund  | \$25,678,475                   | \$371,833     | \$26,050,308 |
| 28 | Grand total special funds | 70,000                         | 0             | 70,000       |
| 29 | 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

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1 in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month. Total funding  
2 provided from the general fund is as follows:

|   |                      |               |
|---|----------------------|---------------|
| 3 | Legislative assembly | \$353,769     |
| 4 | Legislative council  | <u>95,568</u> |
| 5 | Total                | \$449,337     |

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

| 9  | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>     | <u>2015-17</u> | <u>2017-19</u> |
|----|---|----------------|----------------|
| 10 | Judicial wing meeting rooms             | \$160,000      | \$0            |
| 11 | Information technology equipment        | 603,050        | 0              |
| 12 | LEGEND maintenance                      | 191,760        | 0              |
| 13 | Council of State Governments conference | <u>160,000</u> | <u>0</u>       |
| 14 | Total general fund                      | \$1,114,810    | \$0            |

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

| 18 | <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | <u>2015-17</u> | <u>2017-19</u> |
|----|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 19 | Office equipment replacement        | \$30,000       | \$0            |
| 20 | Office improvements                 | 50,000         | 0              |
| 21 | Oil and gas tax study               | 395,000        | 0              |
| 22 | Information technology equipment    | <u>135,460</u> | <u>0</u>       |
| 23 | Total general fund                  | \$610,460      | \$0            |

24 **SECTION 5. TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-05, the director of the office of  
25 management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between line  
26 items of appropriations for the legislative management and legislative council as may be  
27 requested by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative  
28 council upon the finding by the chairman or the director that the nature of studies and duties  
29 assigned to the legislative management or legislative council requires the transfers in properly  
30 carrying on the legislative management's and legislative council's functions and duties. The  
31 director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall similarly make

1 transfers of funds between the line items for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth legislative assemblies,  
2 upon request by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative  
3 council upon the finding by the chairman or director that the transfers are required for the  
4 legislative assembly to carry on its functions and duties.

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

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

16 **Legislative revenue advisory committee.**

- 17 1. The legislative management, during each biennium, shall appoint a legislative revenue  
18 advisory committee. The committee must consist of the majority and minority leaders  
19 of the house and senate, the chairs of the house and senate appropriations  
20 committees, one member appointed by the house majority leader, and one member  
21 appointed by the senate majority leader. The legislative management shall designate  
22 the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate according to the statutes  
23 and procedures governing the operation of other legislative management interim  
24 committees. The committee may contract with economic forecasting entities to provide  
25 economic data specific to North Dakota for state revenue forecasting purposes.  
26 2. The committee shall monitor state revenues and state economic activity, review  
27 economic forecasting data and models, review and analyze executive revenue  
28 forecasts and alternative revenue forecasts, and conduct other assigned studies.  
29 3. The committee shall review and assess agency revenues, including an assessment of  
30 the delivery and cost of services, staffing, and billing processes, to identify

1 improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the services that will result in  
2 reduced costs for state agencies.

3 4. The committee shall consider input from representatives of the office of management  
4 and budget, office of the tax commissioner, industrial commission, other state  
5 agencies, and private sector entities.

6 5. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislative  
7 management for use in establishing the state revenue forecast.

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

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

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

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

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