

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2015**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

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 create and  
3 enact a new section to chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
4 recognition of legacy fund earnings; to amend and reenact sections 48-10-02 and 48-10-03,  
5 subsection 2 of section 54-06-24, and section 54-06-30 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
6 relating to the capitol grounds planning commission spending limits and authority to accept gifts,  
7 the state employee suggestion incentive program, and state employee performance bonuses; to  
8 repeal section 54-06-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state employee  
9 suggestion incentive program; to provide compensation guidelines; to provide for a report to the  
10 legislative assembly; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide  
11 an exemption; and to provide an effective date.

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

13 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
14 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
15 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
16 other income, to the office of management and budget, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019,  
17 and ending June 30, 2021, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
20 Salaries and wages	\$21,596,832	\$306,984	\$21,903,816
21 Operating expenses	14,051,438	1,755,988	15,807,426
22 Emergency commission contingency fund	600,000	(100,000)	500,000
23 Capital assets	973,477	3,863,648	4,837,125
24 Grants	54,000	0	54,000

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1	Guardianship grants	1,328,600	221,400	1,550,000
2	Prairie public broadcasting	1,200,000	0	1,200,000
3	Community service supervision grants	350,000	0	350,000
4	Litigation funding pool	0	3,500,000	3,500,000
5	State student internship program	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
6	Total all funds	\$40,154,347	\$9,798,020	\$49,952,367
7	Less estimated income	<u>9,434,087</u>	<u>7,702,428</u>	<u>17,136,515</u>
8	Total general fund	\$30,720,260	\$2,095,592	\$32,815,852
9	Full-time equivalent positions	117.00	(5.00)	112.00

10 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**

11 **SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time  
 12 funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the  
 13 2019-21 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

14	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
15	Surplus property building	\$800,000	\$0
16	Theodore Roosevelt center grant	500,000	0
17	Cybersecurity remediation pool	1,000,000	0
18	Extraordinary repairs	0	1,900,000
19	Capitol south entrance project	0	2,000,000
20	Special assessments on capitol grounds	0	320,000
21	Litigation funding pool	0	3,500,000
22	Assessments of state lands and facilities	0	500,000
23	Risk management technology project	0	170,000
24	State student internship program	0	250,000
25	Electronic procurement study	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>
26	Total all funds	\$2,300,000	\$8,690,000
27	Total special funds	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>8,390,000</u>
28	Total general fund	\$500,000	\$300,000

29 The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget  
 30 for the 2021-23 biennium. The office of management and budget shall report to the

1 appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time  
2 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

3 **SECTION 3. TRANSFER - TAX RELIEF FUND TO HUMAN SERVICE FINANCE FUND.**

4 The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$173,700,000 from the tax relief  
5 fund to the human service finance fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending  
6 June 30, 2021.

7 **SECTION 4. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO  
8 PRELIMINARY PLANNING REVOLVING FUND.** The office of management and budget shall

9 transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the  
10 preliminary planning revolving fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending  
11 June 30, 2021.

12 **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - STATE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO STATE**

13 **AGENCIES.** The office of management and budget shall transfer funds from the state student  
14 internship program line item appropriated in section 1 of this Act to eligible state agencies for  
15 student internships during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

16 **SECTION 6. TRANSFER - LITIGATION POOL TO STATE AGENCIES.** The office of  
17 management and budget shall transfer funds from the litigation funding pool line item  
18 appropriated in section 1 of this Act to eligible state agencies for litigation expenses during the  
19 biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The office of management and  
20 budget may not use funding from the litigation pool to pay judgments under section 32-12-04.

21 **SECTION 7. GRANTS AND SPECIAL ITEMS.** Section 1 of this Act includes appropriation  
22 authority which may only be used for the following grants and special items:

23 Boys and girls club work	\$53,000
24 Unemployment insurance	\$2,000,000
25 Capitol grounds planning commission	\$25,000
26 Statewide memberships and related expenses	\$625,064

27 **SECTION 8. ESTIMATED INCOME - ONE-TIME FUNDING - CAPITOL BUILDING FUND.**

28 The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$4,220,000 of one-time funding  
29 from the capitol building fund. Of the \$4,220,000, \$2,000,000 in the capital assets line item is for  
30 a capitol building south entrance project, \$1,900,000 in the capital assets line item is for  
31 extraordinary repairs, and \$320,000 in the operating expenses line item is for special

1 assessments associated with the capitol grounds. The funding for the capitol building south  
2 entrance project may be used to enclose the existing tunnel for a new public entrance with  
3 integrated security systems, to improve accessibility, and to address related exterior  
4 landscaping and elevation changes.

5 **SECTION 9. ESTIMATED INCOME - ONE-TIME FUNDING - RISK MANAGEMENT FUND.**

6 The capital assets line item and the estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes  
7 \$170,000 of one-time funding from the risk management fund for an information technology  
8 project.

9 **SECTION 10. ESTIMATED INCOME - ONE-TIME FUNDING - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT  
10 AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes

11 \$4,000,000 of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund. Of the  
12 \$4,000,000, \$500,000 in the operating expenses line item is for an assessment of state lands  
13 and facilities, and \$3,500,000 in the litigation funding pool line item is for a litigation funding  
14 pool.

15 **SECTION 11. PRAIRIE PUBLIC BROADCASTING GRANT - MATCHING FUNDS.** The  
16 prairie public broadcasting line item and the general fund appropriation in section 1 of this Act  
17 includes \$200,000 for a grant of up to \$200,000 to prairie public broadcasting for essential  
18 equipment needs. The \$200,000 may be awarded only to the extent prairie public broadcasting  
19 provides one dollar of matching funds from nonstate sources for each dollar provided by the  
20 office of management and budget.

21 **SECTION 12. EXEMPTION - FISCAL MANAGEMENT.** The amount appropriated for the  
22 fiscal management division, as contained in section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2017 Session Laws is  
23 not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this  
24 appropriation are available for continued development and operating costs of the statewide  
25 systems, including accounting, management, and payroll, during the biennium beginning July 1,  
26 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

27 **SECTION 13. STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS - GUIDELINES.**

28 1. The 2019-21 biennium compensation adjustments for permanent state employees are  
29 to average 2 percent with a minimum of \$120 per month and a maximum of \$200 per  
30 month per eligible employee for the first year of the biennium and are to average  
31 2.5 percent for the second year. The increases for the first year of the biennium are to

1 be given beginning with the month of July 2019, to be paid in August 2019, and for the  
2 second year of the biennium are to be given beginning with the month of July 2020, to  
3 be paid in August 2020. Except for minimum and maximum amounts, increases for  
4 eligible state employees are to be based on documented performance and are not to  
5 be the same percentage increase for each employee.

6 2. Agencies may use salaries and wages funding available due to vacant positions and  
7 employee turnover to provide additional salary increases for selected employees to  
8 address salary compression issues or to enhance merit-based increases for  
9 employees essential to the effective operations of the agency. The biennial cost of any  
10 additional salary increases must be within the agency's current salaries and wages  
11 funding level. An agency may not request any additional funding for the 2021-23  
12 biennium to continue the additional salary increases.

13 3. The office of management and budget shall develop guidelines for use by state  
14 agencies for providing compensation adjustments for classified state employees. The  
15 guidelines must follow the compensation philosophy statement under section  
16 54-44.3-01.2.

17 4. Probationary employees are not entitled to the increases. However, at the discretion of  
18 the appointing authority, probationary employees may be given all or a portion of the  
19 increases effective in July, paid in August, or upon completion of probation. Employees  
20 whose overall documented performance level does not meet standards are not eligible  
21 for any salary increase.

22 **SECTION 14.** A new section to chapter 21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
23 and enacted as follows:

24 **Recognition of legacy fund earnings for budget purposes.**

25 For purposes of the development of the state budget, the legislative assembly shall  
26 recognize legacy fund earnings transferred to the general fund at the end of each biennium in  
27 accordance with section 26 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota as part of the general  
28 fund beginning balance for the subsequent biennium rather than as revenue of the biennium in  
29 which the transfer is made at the end of the biennium.

30 **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 48-10-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
31 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **48-10-02. Capitol building fund to be administered by the capitol grounds planning**  
2 **commission - Continuing appropriation - Procedure for expenditure of certain funds.**

3           The capitol grounds planning commission shall have general powers to superintend the  
4 administration of the capitol building fund, its interest and income fund, and its investments and  
5 properties. It may cause any lands now held in such funds to be sold at market value, direct the  
6 conversion of any securities now held by such funds to cash, approve expenditures from such  
7 funds subject to law and legislative appropriations, and to do all other things necessary to carry  
8 out the intent and purposes of this section. The board of university and school lands or its  
9 designee, on the commission's behalf, shall see to the investment and management of the  
10 capitol building fund and its interest and income fund and shall account to the commission  
11 concerning these funds at the commission's request.

12           Provided further, all moneys and other property in the capitol building fund, except as  
13 otherwise appropriated, are hereby dedicated and reserved to the exclusive purpose of the  
14 construction of an addition to the legislative wing of the state capitol building, and the capitol  
15 grounds planning commission shall take necessary steps to accumulate and conserve the  
16 money and property in the capitol building fund for such purpose.

17           The commission may, during any biennium, expend from the interest and income fund of  
18 the capitol building fund a sum not to exceed fifty percent of the unencumbered balance on the  
19 first day of any biennium, and such amount is hereby appropriated to the capitol grounds  
20 planning commission. The expenditure may be made, after consideration of the capitol grounds  
21 master plan, for projects or planning but may not exceed ~~one hundred seventy-five thousand~~two  
22 hundred fifty thousand dollars per biennium. The expenditure may only be made upon approval  
23 by two-thirds of the total membership of the commission. The expenditure must be made upon a  
24 voucher, or vouchers, prepared by the office of management and budget at the direction of the  
25 commission.

26           **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 48-10-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28           **48-10-03. Powers and duties of the commission - Authority to accept gifts -**  
29 **Continuing appropriation.**

30           The capitol grounds planning commission shall confer with the state council on the arts with  
31 respect to the artistic value of monuments, memorials, or works of art to be constructed on the

1 capitol grounds and with qualified consultants retained by it to select sites for buildings,  
2 facilities, monuments, memorials, or works of art to be constructed on the capitol grounds. The  
3 commission shall develop and modify long-term plans for the development of the capitol  
4 grounds. The commission shall approve or disapprove the basic style and exterior construction  
5 of any building, facility, monument, memorial, or work of art constructed on the capitol grounds.  
6 Except as otherwise provided by this section, the commission has exclusive authority to accept  
7 or reject gifts of any type or class of property for exterior placement on the capitol grounds or for  
8 the improvement of the exterior construction of any building or facility on the capitol grounds,  
9 including landscaping and improvements to the capitol grounds. Any gifts of money accepted  
10 pursuant to this section must be deposited in the capitol building fund and are appropriated on a  
11 continuing basis to the commission for purposes consistent with this section. No construction or  
12 placement of an item on the capitol grounds may be undertaken without the approval of the  
13 commission, unless the construction or placement is authorized by the legislative assembly. If  
14 the legislative assembly by law or resolution authorizes the construction or placement of an item  
15 on the capitol grounds, the commission shall approve the site, basic style, and exterior  
16 construction of the item within a reasonable period of time.

17 The commission shall advise the director of the office of management and budget and the  
18 legislative council on matters relating to the physical and aesthetic features of the interior of all  
19 buildings on the capitol grounds. The commission must be called in and shall meet whenever  
20 major interior changes, including new construction, remodeling, or renovation of any kind, are  
21 proposed or considered for the buildings or facilities on the capitol grounds. The commission  
22 must be consulted before the purchase or installation of furniture or fixtures in public areas of  
23 the capitol and other buildings on the capitol grounds. The commission shall perform any other  
24 duties as may be prescribed by law.

25 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 54-06-24 of the North Dakota  
26 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27 2. APrior to July 1, 2019, a state employee may submit a recommendation or proposal to  
28 reduce expenditures within the employee's agency to a suggestion incentive  
29 committee. The suggestion incentive committee shall administer the employee  
30 suggestion incentive program created under this section and review all  
31 recommendations or proposals for reduction of expenditures. The suggestion incentive

1 committee may consider whether the recommendation or proposal to reduce  
2 expenditures within the employee's agency applies to any other state agency. The  
3 suggestion incentive committee shall notify the office of management and budget of  
4 any recommendation that affects an agency other than the employing agency. The  
5 governor shall appoint five state agency heads to the suggestion incentive committee  
6 for four-year staggered terms to commence on August first in the year of appointment  
7 and to continue until the successors are appointed.

8 **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-06-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **54-06-30. State employee performance bonus program - Criteria - Limitations.**

11 State agencies may provide monetary performance bonuses to their employees under this  
12 section.

- 13 1. State agencies may pay bonuses under this section if:
  - 14 a. The agency has had a written employee performance evaluation policy in place  
15 for more than one year before paying the bonus;
  - 16 b. The written employee performance evaluation policy required in subdivision a  
17 must have at least three levels of performance criteria; and
  - 18 c. The agency performance bonus program adopted under this section must be a  
19 written policy and must be communicated to each employee in the agency.  
20 Development of the written policy must include input from employees.
- 21 2. State employees are eligible to receive a bonus under this section only if:
  - 22 a. The employee has held a position in state government for at least one year  
23 before a bonus is paid;
  - 24 b. The employee's overall annual performance evaluation satisfies the agency's  
25 performance bonus program criteria for receiving a bonus; and
  - 26 c. The employee is a full-time or part-time regular nonprobationary employee  
27 holding a regularly funded nontemporary position.
- 28 3. An employee may not receive more than one performance bonus per fiscal year and  
29 may not receive more than one thousand five hundred dollars in bonuses per fiscal  
30 year.



- 1        4.    ~~Except as provided in this subsection, agencies may pay bonuses under this section~~  
2            ~~during a fiscal year to not more than the number of employees equal to twenty-five~~  
3            ~~percent of the employees employed by the agency on July first at the beginning of~~  
4            ~~each state fiscal year. Upon a showing of special circumstances, North Dakota human~~  
5            ~~resource management services may approve pay bonuses above the twenty-five~~  
6            ~~percent limitation in this subsection. North Dakota human resource management~~  
7            ~~services shall report any exceptions granted under this subsection to the budget~~  
8            ~~section of the legislative management. Each agency must fund the performance bonus~~  
9            ~~program from within its agency budget for salaries and wages.~~
- 10        5.    Bonuses paid under this section may not be included in an employee's base salary for  
11            purposes of calculating any wage or salary increase.
- 12        6.    Bonuses paid under this section are not fiscal irregularities under section 54-14-03.1.
- 13        **SECTION 19. REPEAL.** Section 54-06-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.
- 14        **SECTION 20. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 19 of this Act becomes effective July 1, 2021.