

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2023**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees
2 retirement system; to provide for a report to the legislative assembly; and to provide for
3 transfers.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys from special funds from income to
7 the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public
8 employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30,
9 2021, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$6,316,169	\$126,499	\$6,442,668
13 Operating expenses	2,692,221	(235,309)	2,456,912
14 Capital assets	0	190,000	190,000
15 Contingencies	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
16 Total special funds	\$9,258,390	\$81,190	\$9,339,580
17 Full-time equivalent positions	34.50	(1.00)	33.50

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

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

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
23 Information technology risk assessment		\$0	\$40,000

1	Upgrade business system software	<u>0</u>	<u>190,000</u>
2	Total special funds	\$0	\$230,000

3 The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for
4 the 2021-23 biennium. The public employees retirement system shall report to the
5 appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time
6 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

7 **SECTION 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of
8 the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority from the
9 contingencies line item in section 1 of this Act to any other line item as requested by the public
10 employees retirement system board. The agency shall notify the legislative council of any
11 transfers made pursuant to this section.

12 **SECTION 4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL**
13 **BENEFITS COVERAGE - REPORT TO SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** During
14 the 2019-21 interim, the public employees retirement system board shall solicit and receive bids
15 for the 2021-23 biennium hospital benefits coverage and medical benefits coverage for state
16 employees under section 54-52.1-04. The request for proposal must include an option for
17 coverage through a self-insurance plan. The board may not enter a contract for hospital benefits
18 coverage or medical benefits coverage for the 2021-23 biennium until the board reports to and
19 receives input from the sixty-seventh legislative assembly. The report must provide comparative
20 information and the board's evaluation of the bids received, including information on the
21 self-insurance option.