

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1023**

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; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys from special funds from income to
6 the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public
7 employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30,
8 2023.

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Salaries and wages	\$6,652,604	\$556,456	\$7,209,060
12 Operating expenses	2,443,592	57,144	2,500,736
13 Capital assets	0	257,600	257,600
14 Contingencies	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
15 Total special funds	\$9,346,196	\$871,200	\$10,217,396
16 Full-time equivalent positions	34.50	1.00	35.50

17 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**
18 **SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
19 items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the
20 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
21 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>		
22 Information technology risk assessment	\$40,000	\$0
23 Upgrade business system software	190,000	0
24 Upgrade benefit enrollment system	0	104,500

1	Upgrade PERSLink business system	<u>0</u>	<u>257,600</u>
2	Total special funds	\$230,000	\$362,100

3 The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget
4 for the 2023-25 biennium. The public employees retirement system shall report to the
5 appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time
6 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

7 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH INSURANCE FERTILITY**
8 **BENEFITS.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
9 feasibility and desirability of expanding fertility benefits under the public employees retirement
10 system uniform group insurance health benefits as a precursor under section 54-03-28 to
11 mandating the fertility benefits for health insurance in the private market. The study must
12 include a public employees retirement system actuarial study of the cost of expanding the
13 fertility benefits of the state health plan and must include consideration of the positive and
14 negative aspects of mandating fertility benefits for health insurance in the private market. The
15 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
16 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.