

SENATE BILL NO. 2100

Introduced by

Senator C. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-52.3-01 and 54-52.3-03 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to participation by district health units in the pretax benefits
3 program.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.3-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-52.3-01. Pretax benefits program for public employees.** The public employees
8 retirement system board may establish a pretax benefits program for all state employees and
9 employees of district health units under which ~~a state~~ an employee may reduce the employee's
10 salary and elect benefits to the extent of the reduction. ~~The board may permit political~~
11 ~~subdivisions to participate in the pretax benefits program. Any~~ A participating ~~political~~
12 ~~subdivision~~ district health unit shall comply with the program conditions and pay all fees
13 established by the board.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.3-03 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
15 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **54-52.3-03. Employer savings used to defray expenses of administering program**
17 **- Continuing appropriation.** The office of management and budget shall transfer funds from
18 the savings accruing to the agencies' salaries and wages line item, as a result of the diminution
19 of the state's employer contribution for the Federal Insurance Contribution Act tax, to a payroll
20 clearing account. The office of management and budget shall transfer funds from the payroll
21 clearing account to the board as necessary to defray the reasonable expenses of administering
22 the pretax benefits program established under this chapter, including expenses associated with
23 the program's medical spending account. Any revenue collected by the board from
24 participating ~~political subdivisions~~ district health units must be used, and is hereby appropriated,

1 to defray the expenses of administering the program. The amount necessary to pay
2 consultants retained by the board, any insurance costs associated with the medical spending
3 account, and medical reimbursements for the medical spending account if funds are insufficient
4 to pay claims are hereby appropriated from the savings and revenue generated by the program.
5 All other expenses of administering the program must be paid in accordance with the agency's
6 appropriation authority as established by the legislative assembly. The director of the office of
7 management and budget may decrease or suspend the transfer of the savings accruing to the
8 agencies' salaries and wages line item to the payroll clearing account upon determination that
9 the funds deposited under this section are sufficient to offset anticipated obligations.
10 Notwithstanding other provisions in this section, the public employees retirement system board,
11 or any successor state agency, may not establish, enroll, or administer any pretax benefits
12 program for a political subdivision or any other public or private business or entity, except for
13 any program established specifically for employees of the state and employees of district health
14 units. ~~The board may continue administering any pretax benefits program established for a~~
15 ~~political subdivision before January 1, 1991, through the end of the plan year.~~