

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1035
(Legislative Council)
(Government Performance and Accountability Committee)

AN ACT to provide for a state government performance and accountability system pilot project.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT. The legislative council shall assign, to an interim committee, responsibility to establish a government performance and accountability system pilot project involving up to three executive branch agencies during the 2005-06 interim. The interim committee may include representatives of the office of management and budget and the state auditor's office. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations relating to the pilot project, to the sixtieth legislative assembly.

SECTION 2. GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT - GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA. Each executive branch agency selected for inclusion in the pilot project shall, with input from the legislative council's interim committee:

1. Prepare biennial goals and objectives and related performance measurement indicators for major programs of the agency or department. The performance measures must provide, to the extent possible, the data necessary to assess the performance of major activities of an agency, including a program's efficiency and effectiveness; and provide a comparison, to the extent appropriate, to other states' performance measures.
2. Establish, to the extent possible, a three-year to five-year strategic plan to guide its operations and activities. The strategic plan must include:
 - a. The mission, goals, and objectives of the agency or department.
 - b. Identification of the groups of people served by the agency and the results of any methodology used to assess and improve services.
 - c. The strategies and activities utilized to meet agency or department goals and objectives.
 - d. A general description of the agency's or department's sources and uses of funds.
 - e. Estimated future service requirements and the resources that may be necessary to meet those requirements.
 - f. External factors affecting services of the agency or department.
 - g. The performance measurement indicators developed under this Act used to evaluate and assess the agency's or department's performance.
3. Prepare, to the extent possible, a biennial performance report that summarizes its goals and objectives, compares performance results to performance targets, provides explanations of any major variances between performance results and targets, presents multiyear trends in performance results, and, to the extent possible, provides comparisons to other states' performance results and national benchmarks.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1035.

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 2 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 34 Nays 10 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

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Secretary of State