

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1463

Introduced by

Representatives Wolf, Clark, Myxter

Senators Flakoll, Robinson, Seymour

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact four new sections to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a state youth council; to provide for a report to the
3 legislative council; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota youth council - Creation.**

- 8 1. The North Dakota youth council consists of:
- 9 a. Sixteen individuals appointed by the governor;
 - 10 b. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the majority leader of
11 the house of representatives;
 - 12 c. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the minority leader of
13 the house of representatives;
 - 14 d. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the majority leader of
15 the senate;
 - 16 e. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the minority leader of
17 the senate; and
 - 18 f. The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as the chairman.
- 19 2. At the time of appointment, the individuals appointed by the governor must:
- 20 a. Be at least seventeen years of age but may not have reached the age of
21 twenty-five;
 - 22 b. Be residents of this state; and
 - 23 c. Include representation from:
24 (1) Diverse social, economic, and ethnic groups;

1 (2) Rural and urban areas; and

2 (3) Each of the areas designated by the governor's executive order
3 1978-12, dated October 5, 1978.

4 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Youth council chairman - Meetings.** The North Dakota youth council shall meet twice
7 each year, at the call of the chairman. The meetings may be conducted using
8 audioconferencing or videoconferencing facilities available in state agencies, institutions of
9 higher education, school districts, or other political subdivisions.

10 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 created and enacted as follows:

12 **Youth council powers.** The North Dakota youth council may accept gifts, grants, and
13 donations of money, property, and services to carry out this Act. The council may form
14 subcommittees to explore its various issues and concerns and complete its duties as set forth
15 in section 4 of this Act. The subcommittees may hold regional meetings in any of the areas
16 designated by the governor's executive order 1978-12 dated October 5, 1978.

17 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 created and enacted as follows:

19 **Youth council duties.** The North Dakota youth council shall develop a list of issues
20 and concerns pertinent to residents of this state who have not yet reached the age of
21 twenty-five. The list may include education, health care, employment opportunities, and quality
22 of life issues such as recreation and entertainment. The council, on its own and in conjunction
23 with any guests it elects to invite, shall explore its issues and concerns, review current
24 situations, and develop recommendations for consideration by local, regional, and state-level
25 policymakers. The council shall provide a report and any recommendations to the legislative
26 council before September 1, 2010.

27 **SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2011, and
28 after that date is ineffective.