

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety
2 and insurance; to authorize and provide an appropriation for additional full-time equivalent
3 positions for workforce safety and insurance; and to create and enact a new section to chapter
4 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing a continuing appropriation for
5 litigation expenses relating to employer and medical provider issues.

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
8 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from the workforce
9 safety and insurance fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to workforce safety
10 and insurance, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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13 Total special funds	\$53,241,155	\$2,281,450	\$55,522,605
14 Full-time equivalent positions	237.14	0.00	237.14

15 **SECTION 2. WORKFORCE SAFETY AND INSURANCE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**
16 **EMPLOYEE POSITIONS AUTHORIZATION - APPROPRIATION.** The director of workforce
17 safety and insurance may hire, upon a determination that employees are needed to facilitate
18 the economic and efficient administration of the entity's vocational rehabilitation program, up to
19 ten full-time equivalent employee positions in addition to the full-time equivalent employee
20 positions authorized in section 1 of this Act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
21 June 30, 2011. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the workers' compensation fund,
22 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,355,000, or so much of the sum as may be
23 necessary, to workforce safety and insurance for the purpose of defraying the expenses of any

1 additional full-time equivalent positions authorized under this section, for the biennium
2 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.

3 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 created and enacted as follows:

5 **Litigation expenses - Continuing appropriation.** Money in the workforce safety and
6 insurance fund is appropriated to the organization on a continuing basis for payment of
7 organization expenses associated with litigating employer-related issues arising under this title
8 and for payment of organization expenses associated with litigating medical provider-related
9 issues identified under sections 65-02-23 and 65-02-20.