

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch
2 of state government; to provide for applications, transfers, and cancellation of unexpended
3 appropriations; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to the creation of a state revenue advisory committee; and to declare an
5 emergency.

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 funds
8 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from the insurance
10 regulatory trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of state government
11 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government, for the
12 fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

13 Subdivision 1.

14 SIXTY-FIFTH AND SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
17 Salaries and wages	\$10,004,373	\$258,322	\$10,262,695
18 Operating expenses	3,467,629	226,962	3,694,591
19 Capital assets	16,800	(10,800)	6,000
20 National conference of state legislatures	241,263	8,909	250,172
21 Total general fund	\$13,730,065	\$483,393	\$14,213,458
22 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$10,004,373</u>	<u>\$229,051</u>	<u>\$10,233,424</u>
23 <u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>3,467,629</u>	<u>226,962</u>	<u>3,694,591</u>
24 <u>Capital assets</u>	<u>16,800</u>	<u>(10,800)</u>	<u>6,000</u>

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1	National conference of state legislatures	241,263	(16,108)	225,155
2	Total general fund	\$13,730,065	\$429,105	\$14,159,170

Subdivision 2.

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation	
7	Salaries and wages	\$9,180,442	(\$11,376)	\$9,169,066
8	Operating expenses	2,837,968	105,502	2,943,470
9	Capital assets	0	30,000	30,000
10	Total all funds	\$12,018,410	\$124,126	\$12,142,536
11	Less estimated income	70,000	0	70,000
12	Total general fund	\$11,948,410	\$124,126	\$12,072,536
13	Full-time equivalent positions	37.00	(1.00)	36.00
14	Salaries and wages	\$9,180,442	(\$130,912)	\$9,049,530
15	Operating expenses	2,837,968	48,640	2,886,608
16	Total all funds	\$12,018,410	(\$82,272)	\$11,936,138
17	Less estimated income	70,000	0	70,000
18	Total general fund	\$11,948,410	(\$82,272)	\$11,866,138
19	Full-time equivalent positions	37.00	(1.00)	36.00

Subdivision 3.

BILL TOTAL

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation	
24	Grand total general fund	\$25,678,475	\$607,519	\$26,285,994
25	Grand total special funds	70,000	0	70,000
26	Grand total all funds	\$25,748,475	\$607,519	\$26,355,994
27	Grand total general fund	\$25,678,475	\$346,833	\$26,025,308
28	Grand total special funds	70,000	0	70,000
29	Grand total all funds	\$25,748,475	\$346,833	\$26,095,308

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. The salaries and wages line item in subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1 of this Act include funding from the general fund for increases

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1 in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month. Total funding
2 provided from the general fund is as follows:

3	Legislative assembly	\$353,769
4	Legislative council	<u>95,568</u>
5	Total	\$449,337

6 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts
7 reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted
8 for the 2015-17 biennium:

9	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
10	Judicial wing meeting rooms	\$160,000	\$0
11	Information technology equipment	603,050	0
12	LEGEND maintenance	191,760	0
13	Council of State Governments conference	<u>160,000</u>	<u>0</u>
14	Total general fund	\$1,114,810	\$0

15 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ONE-TIME**
16 **FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the
17 sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium:

18	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
19	Office equipment replacement	\$30,000	\$0
20	Office improvements	50,000	0
21	Oil and gas tax study	395,000	0
22	Information technology equipment	<u>135,460</u>	<u>0</u>
23	Total general fund	\$610,460	\$0

24 **SECTION 5. TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-05, the director of the office of
25 management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between line
26 items of appropriations for the legislative management and legislative council as may be
27 requested by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative
28 council upon the finding by the chairman or the director that the nature of studies and duties
29 assigned to the legislative management or legislative council requires the transfers in properly
30 carrying on the legislative management's and legislative council's functions and duties. The
31 director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall similarly make

1 transfers of funds between the line items for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth legislative assemblies,
2 upon request by the chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative
3 council upon the finding by the chairman or director that the transfers are required for the
4 legislative assembly to carry on its functions and duties.

5 **SECTION 6. APPLICATION, TRANSFER AUTHORITY, AND CANCELLATION OF**
6 **UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** Sections 54-16-04 and 54-44.1-11 do not apply to
7 chapter 1 of the 2015 Session Laws. The director of the office of management and budget and
8 the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between the line items and the agencies of the
9 legislative branch within section 1 of that chapter as requested by the chairman of the legislative
10 management or the director of the legislative council. The office of management and budget
11 shall cancel unexpended appropriations for the legislative assembly and legislative council
12 enacted prior to the 2015-17 biennium as directed by the chairman of the legislative
13 management or the director of the legislative council.

14 **SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
15 and enacted as follows:

16 **State revenue advisory committee.**

17 1. There is created a state revenue advisory committee consisting of five members of the
18 house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house of
19 representatives and four members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of
20 the senate. The number of committee members from the majority party and the
21 minority party in each house must be in proportion to the total number of majority and
22 minority party members in that house. The committee shall select a chairman and vice
23 chairman from its membership. The legislative council shall staff the committee. The
24 members of the committee are entitled to compensation from the legislative council for
25 attendance at committee meetings at the rate provided for members of the legislative
26 assembly for attendance at interim committee meetings and are entitled to
27 reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the meetings in the amounts
28 provided by law for other state officers.

29 2. The committee shall:

- 1 a. Monitor state revenues and state economic activity, review economic forecasting
2 data and models, and review and analyze the executive revenue forecasts and
3 alternative revenue forecasts.
- 4 b. Review and assess state agency revenues, including revenues received by the
5 information technology department and the department of transportation's state
6 fleet services from other state agencies. The review of information technology
7 and state fleet services revenues must include an assessment of the delivery and
8 cost of services, staffing, and billing processes to identify improvements to the
9 efficiency and effectiveness of the services that will result in reduced costs for
10 state agencies.
- 11 c. Provide recommendations to reduce costs for state agencies to the director of the
12 office of management and budget for use in developing agency biennial budget
13 requests.
- 14 d. Prepare a biennial report to the legislative management and provide
15 recommendations to the appropriations committees of the legislative assembly.
- 16 3. The committee may:
- 17 a. Enter contracts, subject to the availability of funding, with economic forecasting
18 entities to provide economic data specific to North Dakota;
- 19 b. Request information and assistance from state agency personnel as needed;
- 20 c. Consider input from representatives of private sector entities regarding the
21 economic conditions of the state;
- 22 d. Develop alternative revenue forecasts; and
- 23 e. Share information associated with state revenues and economic activity with the
24 governor and the director of the office of management and budget.

25 **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.