A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 54-52-06, section 54-52.1-06, and subsection 2 of section 54-52.6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employees retirement system penalties for late payments or failures to follow required processes; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 54-52-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. For those members who elect to exercise their rights under section 54-52-17.14, the employing governmental unit, or in the case of a member not presently under covered employment the most recent employing governmental unit, shall pay the associated employer contribution. If the employee's contribution is paid by the governmental unit under subsection 3 of section 54-52-05, the employer unit shall contribute, in addition, an amount equal to the required employee's contribution. Each governmental unit shall pay the contribution monthly, or in the case of an election made pursuant to section 54-52-17.14 a lump sum, into the retirement fund from the governmental unit's funds appropriated for payroll and salary or any other funds available for these purposes. Any governmental unit failing to pay the contributions monthly, or in the case of an election made pursuant to section 54-52-17.14 a lump sum, or failing to otherwise comply with the board's established wage reporting or payroll reporting process requirements, is subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars and, as interest, one percent of the amount due for each month of delay or fraction thereof of a month after the payment became due. In lieu of assessing a civil penalty or one percent per month, or both, interest at the actuarial rate of return may be assessed for each month the contributions are delinquent. If contributions are paid within ninety days of the date
the contributions became due, penalty and interest to be paid on delinquent
ccontributions may be waived.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-52.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
amended and reenacted as follows:

54-52.1-06. State contribution - Penalty.

1. Each department, board, or agency shall pay to the board each month from its funds
appropriated for payroll and salary amounts a state contribution in the amount as
determined by the primary carrier of the group contract for the full single rate monthly
premium for each of its eligible employees enrolled in the uniform group insurance
program and the full rate monthly premium, in an amount equal to that contributed
under the alternate family contract, including major medical coverage, for hospital and
medical benefits coverage for spouses and dependent children of its eligible
employees enrolled in the uniform group insurance program pursuant to section
54-52.1-07. The board then shall then pay the necessary and proper premium amount
for the uniform group insurance program to the proper carrier or carriers on a monthly
basis.

2. Any refund, rebate, dividend, experience rating allowance, discount, or other reduction
of premium amount must be credited at least annually to a separate fund of the
uniform group insurance program to be used by the board to reimburse the
administrative expense and benefit fund of the public employees retirement program
for the costs of administration of the uniform group insurance program. In the event

3. If an enrolled eligible employee is not entitled to receive salary, wages, or other
compensation for a particular calendar month, that employee may make direct
payment of the required premium to the board to continue the employee's coverage,
and the employing department, board, or agency shall provide for the giving of a timely
notice to the employee of that person's employee's right to make such payment at the
time the right arises.

4. A governmental unit that fails to pay the contributions by the board's established due
date is subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars and, as interest, one percent of the
amount due for each month of delay or fraction of a month after the payment became
due.
SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 54-52.6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The employer shall contribute an amount equal to four and twelve hundredths percent of the monthly salary or wage of a participating member. Employer contributions increase by one percent of the monthly salary or wage of a participating member beginning with the monthly reporting period of January 2012; with an additional increase of one percent, beginning with the monthly reporting period of January 2013; and with an additional increase of one percent, beginning with the monthly reporting period of January 2014. For members first enrolled after December 31, 2019, the employer contribution includes an additional increase of one and fourteen hundredths percent. If the employee's contribution is paid by the employer under subsection 3, the employer shall contribute, in addition, an amount equal to the required employee's contribution. Monthly, the employer shall pay such contribution into the participating member's account from the employer's funds appropriated for payroll and salary or any other funds available for such purposes. If the employer fails to pay the contributions monthly, or fails to otherwise comply with the board's established wage reporting or payroll reporting process requirements, the employer is subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars and, as interest, one percent of the amount due for each month of delay or fraction of a month after the payment became due. In lieu of assessing a civil penalty or one percent per month, or both, interest at the actuarial rate of return may be assessed for each month the contributions are delinquent. If contributions are paid within ninety days of the date the contributions became due, penalty and interest to be paid on delinquent contributions may be waived.