

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2023

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees
2 retirement system; to provide a contingent appropriation; and to provide for a report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys from special funds from income to
6 the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public
7 employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
8 2025, as follows.

| | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| 11 Salaries and wages | \$7,209,060 | \$1,262,868 | \$8,471,928 |
| 12 Operating expenses | 2,396,236 | 147,476 | 2,543,712 |
| 13 Contingencies | 250,000 | 0 | 250,000 |
| 14 Defined benefit plan closure | <u>0</u> | <u>1,006,839</u> | <u>1,006,839</u> |
| 15 Total special funds | \$9,855,296 | \$2,417,183 | \$12,272,479 |
| 16 Full-time equivalent positions | 35.50 | 6.00 | 41.50 |

17 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

18 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
19 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the
20 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

| | <u>2021-23</u> | <u>2023-25</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| 21 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u> | | |
| 22 Upgrade benefit enrollment system | \$104,500 | \$0 |
| 23 Upgrade PERSLink business system | 257,600 | 125,000 |
| 24 Modify PERSLink business system | 0 | 125,000 |

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|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Temporary salaries | 0 | 200,000 |
| 2 | Staff operating expenses | <u>0</u> | <u>7,000</u> |
| 3 | Total special funds | \$362,100 | \$457,000 |

4 **SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING**

5 **AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The defined benefit plan
6 closure line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,006,839, of which \$681,839 is
7 for salaries and wages and related operating expenses for three full-time equivalent positions,
8 \$200,000 is for temporary salaries, and \$125,000 is for modification of the PERSLink business
9 system. The public employees retirement system may spend funding from this line item only if
10 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly closes the main system defined benefit retirement plan to
11 new hires. Of the funding in this line item, \$328,000 is considered a one-time funding item.