

**Job Service North Dakota
Budget No. 380
House Bill Nos. 1016, 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	308.00	\$1,536,967	\$61,592,091	\$63,129,058
2007-09 legislative appropriations	308.00	1,746,960	61,664,171	63,411,131
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$209,993	\$72,080	\$282,073
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	(47.80)	\$245,948	\$3,393,912	\$3,639,860

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for Job Service North Dakota is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		(\$125)	(\$27,920)	(\$28,045)
Provided funding for a web site spider program		200,000	100,000	300,000
Increased funding for the Workforce 20/20 program from \$1,489,882 to \$1,500,000		10,118		10,118
Total	0.00	\$209,993	\$72,080	\$282,073

FTE Changes

The 2007-09 biennium appropriation includes funding for 308 FTE positions, a decrease of 47.80 FTE positions from the 2005-07 biennium authorized level of 355.80 FTE positions. The legislative action did not change the executive recommendation to delete 45.8 FTE positions not requested by the agency and transfer 2 FTE positions relating to the career resource network to the Department of Career and Technical Education.

Workforce 20/20

The Legislative Assembly increased funding from the general fund for the Workforce 20/20 program by \$10,118, from \$1,489,882 as recommended in the executive budget to \$1.5 million. The funding of \$1.5 million represents an increase in funding from the general fund of \$19,769 compared to the 2005-07 general fund appropriation for the Workforce 20/20 program of \$1,480,231. Section 5 of House Bill No. 1016 requires that 50 percent of the Workforce 20/20 program funding for the 2007-09 biennium is to be used for projects for new or expanding businesses in North Dakota.

Unemployment Insurance Modernization - Reed Act

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide a \$7.3 million special funds appropriation from federal Reed Act distributions received in federal fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1999, and 2002 for developing a modernized unemployment insurance computer system.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1016

New jobs training program - Section 7 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 52-02.1-02 to increase the wage eligibility rate for the new jobs training program from \$7.50 to \$10 per hour.

Related Legislation

Federal advance interest repayment fund - House Bill No. 1056 provides that money in the federal advance interest repayment fund may be used for the purposes of reemployment and administration of programs to ensure the integrity of the unemployment insurance program.

Electronic reporting and payments - House Bill No. 1057 requires employers that employ more than 99 employees to electronically file contribution and wage reports and provides that all payers making payments on behalf of more than one employer make all payments electronically.

Unemployment insurance tax rates - House Bill No. 1413 modifies the method used by Job Service North Dakota to determine unemployment insurance tax rates.

Negative balance employers - Senate Bill No. 2035 modifies the unemployment insurance tax rate formula to provide that negative balance employers do not benefit from a reduction in unemployment insurance tax rates when there is a surplus in the unemployment insurance trust fund.