

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the commissioner of commerce's duty to identify target industries and  
3 to report to the legislative council.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Target industries - Report to legislative council.** The commissioner shall identify  
8 target industries on which the commissioner shall focus economic development efforts. The  
9 commissioner shall designate one of these target industries as a special focus target industry.  
10 In identifying and updating target industries, the commissioner shall solicit the advice of the  
11 foundation and the North Dakota university system. The commissioner may contract for the  
12 services of a third party in identifying target industries. The commissioner shall report biennially  
13 to the legislative council. This report must include information regarding the process used and  
14 factors considered in identifying and updating the target industries, the specific tactics the  
15 department has used to specifically address the needs of the target industries, the unique  
16 tactics and the specific incentives the department has used to support the growth of the special  
17 focus target industry, and any recommended legislative changes necessary to better focus  
18 economic development services on these industries.