

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2023

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on
2 legal counsel for indigents; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-61 of the North
3 Dakota Century Code, relating to contracting for public defenders.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
6 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
8 other income, to the commission on legal counsel for indigents for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents, for the biennium beginning July 1,
10 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Commission on legal counsel	\$11,210,696	\$115,500	\$11,326,196
12 for indigents			
13 Less special funds	<u>1,700,705</u>	<u>155,343</u>	<u>1,856,048</u>
14 Total general fund	\$9,509,991	(\$39,843)	\$9,470,148
15 Full-time equivalent positions	29.00	.50	29.50

16 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-61 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 created and enacted as follows:

18 **Contract services.** The commission on legal counsel for indigents shall contract for
19 public defender services at a minimum level of fifty percent of its caseload.