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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1017

Page 1, line 9, replace "31,727,196" with "31,186,659"

Page 1, line 10, replace "15,268,989" with "10,318,989"

Page 1, line 14, replace "2,000,676" with "1,000,676"

Page 1, line 15, replace "58,354,767" with "51,864,230"

Page 1, line 16, replace "56,354,767" with "50,864,230"

Page 1, line 17, replace "2,000,000" with "1,000,000"

Page 1, line 22, replace "\$150,000" with "\$100,000" and replace "\$2,000,676" with "\$1,000,676"

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 4. WORK FORCE 2000. The work force 2000 funding contained in section 1 of this Act is only to be used by job service North Dakota for expanding businesses, newly created jobs, assisting in the recruitment of new businesses or jobs, training related to significant changes in technology or equipment, or training related to significant changes in business operations or production methods.

SECTION 5. ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT FUNDS. Job service North Dakota is to deposit all asbestos settlement proceeds in a special asbestos abatement fund. The asbestos abatement fund shall only be used for job service North Dakota asbestos abatement projects. Funds in the asbestos abatement fund may only be spent pursuant to legislative appropriation.

SECTION 6. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAIVER. Job service North Dakota shall seek a waiver from the federal department of labor for the authority to use excess administrative funding, created through administrative efficiencies, for program costs.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER PAYMENTS. Job service North Dakota shall reimburse, upon receipt of a detailed billing, public transportation providers for transportation services provided to welfare-to-work recipients. The rate of reimbursement must be at the same rate the public transportation provider charges to non-welfare-to-work recipients using the public transportation services. Total reimbursements to public transportation providers may not exceed \$225,000 per biennium."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 380 - JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA

HOUSE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages Operating expenses Equipment Capital improvements Grants Work Force 2000	\$31,727,196 15,268,989 887,100 493,553 7,977,253 2,000,676	(\$540,537) (4,950,000) (1,000,000)	\$31,186,659 10,318,989 887,100 493,553 7,977,253 1,000,676
Total all funds	\$58,354,767	(\$6,490,537)	\$51,864,230
Less special funds	56,354,767	(5,490,537)	50,864,230
General fund	\$2,000,000	(\$1,000,000)	\$1,000,000
FTE	390.40	(3.00)	387.40

Detail of House changes to the executive budget includes:

	REDUCE COMPENSATION PACKAGE TO 2/2	ADJUST HEALTH INSURANCE COST	REALLOCATE SALARY FUNDING TO OPERATING FOR CONTRACTING	REDUCE WORK FORCE 2000 FUNDING	REMOVE ANTICIPATED ASBESTOS SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES
Salaries and wages Operating expenses Equipment Capital improvements Grants	(\$406,010)	\$115,473	(\$250,000) 250,000		(\$5,200,000)	(\$540,537) (4,950,000)
Work Force 2000				(\$1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Total all funds	(\$406,010)	\$115,473	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$5,200,000)	(\$6,490,537)
Less special funds	(406,010)	<u>115,473</u>			(5,200,000)	(5,490,537)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	(3.00)

House changes narrative:

This amendment provides for a general reduction of \$1,000,000 from the general fund for the Work Force 2000 program.

This amendment removes three information technology positions and then transfers \$250,000 of other funds from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item. The \$250,000 is to be used to contract for information technology services related to increasing the fund balance, technology business planning, claims processing efficiencies, and Work Force 2000.

The amendment also adds sections relating to:

Defining the uses of Work Force 2000 funding.

Prescribing the uses of asbestos settlement proceeds.

Seeking a waiver to allow for the use of administrative funds for program costs.

Payments to public transportation providers for services provided to welfare-to-work recipients.