

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2038

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Higher Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-44.1-04 and subsection 7 of section
2 54-44.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to budget requests and block grant
3 appropriations for the North Dakota university system.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-44.1-04. Budget estimates of budget units filed with the office of the budget -**
8 **Deadline.** The head of each budget unit, not later than July fifteenth of each year next
9 preceding the session of the legislative assembly, shall submit to the office of the budget,
10 estimates of financial requirements of his budget unit for the next two fiscal years, on the forms
11 and in the manner prescribed by the office of the budget, with such explanatory data as is
12 required by the office of the budget and such additional data as the head of the budget unit
13 wishes to submit. The budget estimates for the North Dakota university system must include
14 block grants for the university system for a base funding component and for an initiative funding
15 component for specific strategies or initiatives and a budget estimate for an asset funding
16 component for renewal and replacement of physical plant assets at the institutions of higher
17 education. The estimates so submitted must bear the approval of the board or commission of
18 each budget unit for which a board or commission is constituted. The director of the budget in
19 ~~his~~ the director's discretion may extend the filing date for any budget unit if ~~he~~ the director finds
20 there is some circumstance which makes it advantageous to authorize the extension. If a
21 budget unit has not submitted its estimate of financial requirements by the required date or
22 within a period of extension set by the director of the budget, the director of the budget shall
23 prepare such budget unit's estimate of financial requirements except such estimate may not
24 exceed ninety percent of such budget unit's previous biennial appropriation. The director of the

1 budget or such subordinate officer as ~~he shall designate~~ the director designates shall examine
2 the estimates and shall afford to the heads of budget units reasonable opportunity for
3 explanation in regard thereto and, when requested, shall grant to the heads of budget units a
4 hearing thereon which must be open to the public.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 54-44.1-06 of the 1999
6 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 7. Drafts of a proposed general ~~appropriations act~~ and special appropriations acts
8 embodying the budget data and recommendations of the governor for
9 appropriations for the next biennium, and drafts of such revenues and other acts
10 recommended by the governor for putting into effect the proposed financial plan.
11 The recommended general appropriation for each budget unit must be specified in
12 a separate section of the general appropriations act. The draft of the proposed
13 appropriations act for the North Dakota university system must include block grants
14 for a base funding appropriation and for an initiative funding appropriation for
15 specific strategies or initiatives, and an appropriation for asset funding for renewal
16 and replacement of physical plant assets at the institutions of higher education.