

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments****ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1497**

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Berg, Svedjan

Senators Holmberg, Stenehjem

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of state government performance and
2 accountability.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE**
5 **AND ACCOUNTABILITY - APPOINTMENT - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS - EXPENDITURES.**

6 The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2003-04 interim, state government
7 performance and accountability practices. The legislative council shall appoint a ten-member
8 government performance and accountability committee in the same manner as the council
9 appoints other interim committees. The council shall appoint at least six legislators to the
10 committee. The council may appoint two citizen members to the committee. The council may
11 also include the governor, or the governor's designee, and an additional executive branch
12 representative as members of the committee. The council shall designate the chairman of the
13 committee. The committee shall operate in accordance with the statutes and procedures
14 governing the operation of other legislative council interim committees. The committee may
15 accept and use gifts, grants, or assistance to accomplish its purposes. The study, if conducted,
16 must include a review of other state's performance budgeting practices and strategic planning
17 efforts and how those practices and efforts may apply to North Dakota and improve North
18 Dakota's budgeting process. The legislative council shall report its findings and
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
20 the fifty-ninth legislative assembly.