

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to establishment of a statewide information technology improvements
3 fund; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Statewide information technology improvements fund - Budget section approval -**

8 **Reports.** The chief information officer shall make funds available to all state agencies and
9 departments from the statewide information technology improvements fund in the state treasury
10 for information technology projects providing improvements in the efficiency of state
11 government services and involving multiple state agencies or institutions. The chief information
12 officer may not provide funds for any project that the legislative assembly has indicated an
13 intent to reject in the project's proposed or substantially similar format. A state agency or
14 institution interested in obtaining funds shall submit a written request detailing information on
15 the purpose, scope, cost-benefit, and projected return on investment of the project to the chief
16 information officer. The chief information officer shall present every request to the statewide
17 information technology advisory committee for consideration by the committee. If the
18 committee approves the request, the chief information officer shall recommend the proposed
19 project, with the necessary funding, to the budget section of the legislative council for approval.
20 The chief information officer may not provide funds for the project without approval of the
21 budget section. The agency or institution may not spend any related special or federal funds
22 without approval of the budget section. Agencies and institutions shall repay funds provided
23 from the statewide information technology improvements fund during subsequent bienniums as
24 moneys become available through savings, increases in revenue, legislative appropriation, or

1 other sources. The chief information officer shall report to the budget section and to the
2 information technology committee on the status, projected return on investment, and actual
3 return to the fund for each project approved by the budget section.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
6 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the
7 purpose of establishing a statewide information technology improvements fund, for the
8 biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.