

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 2-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an airport economic development fund; to provide a transfer; and to
3 provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Airport economic development fund.**

8 1. The airport economic development fund is a special fund in the state treasury.
9 Subject to legislative appropriation, the aeronautics commission may provide
10 grants from the fund to a public airport owned or operated by a public entity or to
11 an airport operated by an airport authority in this state for the purpose of providing
12 financial assistance for:

- 13 a. Purchase, development, and operation of automated weather reporting
14 facilities, computers and terminals to obtain weather information relating to
15 flight plans, and other equipment to enhance flight operational safety.
16 b. Obstruction removal within the runway protection zone of an airport to
17 facilitate the new global positioning satellite all-weather instrument approach
18 technology required to meet federal standards.
19 c. Construction or rehabilitation of runways, taxiways, and apron areas, including
20 the extension of runways that do not meet the federal guidelines for this
21 construction or rehabilitation but have a demonstrated state or local need.
22 d. Development of airport infrastructure and buildings that do not meet federal
23 guidelines for this development but have a demonstrated state or local need.

1 2. To qualify for a grant under this section, the airport must provide matching funds of
2 not less than ten percent and not more than fifty percent. The aeronautics
3 commission shall set the match requirement in accordance with guidelines
4 established by the commission by rule.

5 **SECTION 2. TRANSFER.** During the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
6 June 30, 2009, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer \$5,000,000
7 from the general fund to the airport economic development fund.

8 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
9 airport economic development fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
10 \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the aeronautics commission for the
11 purpose of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.