

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2223

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Nething

Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for regional public transportation pilot projects; to provide for a
2 report to the legislative assembly; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PILOT**

5 **PROJECTS.** The department of transportation shall develop two public transportation
6 coordination pilot projects in two of this state's planning regions. One project must focus on
7 coordination in a rural area and one project must focus on coordination in an urban area. The
8 department shall implement one project in 2009 and one project in 2010. Each pilot project
9 must have a regional coordination administrator who coordinates the provision of public
10 transportation services to the residents of the region in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient,
11 and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services. The regional coordination administrator
12 shall assist communities in public transportation planning in the specified region to develop a
13 structure that will support a coordinated public transportation system. The department shall
14 develop standards for public transportation providers and contractors who provide public
15 transportation within the coordinated public transportation system. These standards must
16 promote coordination among public transportation providers.

17 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The director of the department
18 of transportation shall report to the sixty-second legislative assembly with findings and
19 recommendations based on the results of the public transportation coordination pilot projects.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
21 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$125,000, or so much
22 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for a regional public
23 transportation coordination pilot project, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
24 June 30, 2011.