

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments****ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2223**

Introduced by

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Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch, Weisz

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

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

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

5 **PROJECTS - SPENDING AUTHORITY.** The department of transportation shall develop two
6 public transportation coordination pilot projects in two of this state's planning regions. One
7 project must focus on coordination in a region that does not have a city with a population over
8 thirty-five thousand and one project must focus on coordination in a region that has a city with a
9 population exceeding thirty-five thousand. The department shall implement one project in 2009
10 and one project in 2010. Each pilot project must have a regional coordination administrator
11 who coordinates the provision of public transportation services to the residents of the region in
12 a manner that is cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services.
13 The regional coordination administrator shall assist communities in public transportation
14 planning in the specified region to develop a structure that will support a coordinated public
15 transportation system. The department shall develop standards for public transportation
16 providers and contractors who provide public transportation within the coordinated public
17 transportation system. These standards must promote coordination among public
18 transportation providers. The department may spend additional funds from gifts, grants, or
19 donations and those additional funds are appropriated for the purposes of this section.

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