

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2360

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Flakoll, Potter

Representatives Schneider, S. Kelsh, Klemin

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to authorizing a state agency to grant a temporary release from
3 employment for an employee providing service on behalf of a public employee organization.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Leadership in public employee organizations - Temporary leave of absence.** An
8 employee of a state agency who is elected to serve as the president of a statewide organization
9 representing public employees is entitled to a full release from employment during the time the
10 individual is elected to serve. At the conclusion of the service, the employee is entitled to return
11 to the employee's previous position with the employing agency. Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law, an employee electing to take a leave of absence under this section is entitled
13 to continue to participate in the uniform group insurance program and receive retirement credit
14 for the period if the employee or public employee organization pays the cost of participation in
15 the uniform group insurance program or purchases the retirement service credit.