

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to limiting participation by state officers and employees in closed  
3 meetings of national, regional, or state associations.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

#### 7 **Participation in closed meetings of national, regional, or state associations.**

- 8 1. A state officer or employee acting within the scope of the individual's office or  
9 employment may not participate in any meeting of a national, regional, or state  
10 association to which the state pays dues or other membership fees if any portion of  
11 the meeting is not open to the public.
- 12 2. A state agency, department, or institution may not pay dues or other membership  
13 fees to a national, regional, or state association for membership by the agency,  
14 department, or institution or any of its officers or employees if the association holds  
15 a meeting not open to the public.
- 16 3. Subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to any meeting that would not be considered to  
17 be an open meeting under this chapter if the meeting were held by a public entity.