

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Schneider

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 selected to serve a one-year term as the chief executive
9 officer of a statewide organization representing public employees is entitled to a full release
10 from employment during that one-year term. At the conclusion of the one-year leave of
11 absence, the employee is entitled to return to the employee's previous position with the
12 employing agency. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employee electing to take a
13 leave of absence under this section is entitled to continue to participate in the uniform group
14 insurance program and receive retirement credit for the period if the employee or public
15 employee's organization pays the cost of participation in the uniform group insurance program
16 or purchases the retirement service credit.