

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for regional public transportation pilot projects; and to provide for
2 an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECTS.** The
5 department of transportation shall develop two transit coordination pilot projects in two of this
6 state's planning regions. The department shall implement one pilot project in 2009 and one
7 pilot project in 2010. Each pilot project must have a regional coordination administrator who
8 coordinates the provision of transit services to the residence of the region in a manner that is
9 cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services. The regional
10 coordination administrator shall assist communities in transit planning in the specified region to
11 develop a structure that will support coordinated transit. The department shall develop
12 standards for transit providers and contractors who provide transit within the coordinated
13 system. These standards must promote transit coordination among transit departments. The
14 department shall prepare a four year statewide transit coordination plan to address the transit
15 needs of residents in this state which is compatible with local government comprehensive
16 plans, and ensures the most cost-effective and efficient method of providing transportation to
17 individuals. The department shall complete and provide a report on the plan to the legislative
18 council during the 2009-10 interim.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
20 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$375,000, or so much
21 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for two regional public
22 transportation pilot projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30,
23 2011.