

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 an
2 appropriation.

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

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

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

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 coordination pilot projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
23 June 30, 2011.