

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Berg

1 A BILL for an Act to create a government innovation and efficiency grant program; and to
2 provide a continuing appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Government innovation and efficiency grant program - Line of credit**
5 **- Continuing appropriation.**

- 6 1. The office of management and budget shall establish and administer a government
7 innovation and efficiency grant program to reduce the long-term cost of state
8 government operations. All executive branch state agencies and institutions are
9 eligible to participate in the program.
- 10 2. A state agency or institution may submit to the office of management and budget a
11 proposal to reduce expenditures for the agency or institution or a proposal to
12 improve services provided without an increase in the long-term costs for the
13 agency or institution. The office of management and budget shall review every
14 proposal to determine whether the proposal will result in a reduction to the
15 long-term cost of state government operations or improve public services without
16 an increase in long-term costs and shall approve or reject the proposal.
- 17 3. A state agency or institution that submits a proposal that is approved by the office
18 of management and budget is entitled to receive a grant in the amount of fifty
19 percent of any projected savings for a four-year period or an amount equivalent to
20 up to fifty percent of the estimated value of improved service for a four-year period
21 as determined by the office of management and budget. An agency or institution
22 may use the grant funding for state employee bonuses, state employee early
23 retirement incentives, including the purchase of years of service credit and health

- 1 insurance premiums for up to twenty-four months, and for other expenditures that
2 do not increase the agency's or institution's ongoing funding needs.
- 3 4. The office of management and budget may obtain a line of credit from the Bank of
4 North Dakota of up to five hundred thousand dollars which is appropriated on a
5 continuing basis to the office of management and budget for the purpose of
6 providing grants under the government innovation and efficiency grant program.
7 The office of management and budget shall request funding from the legislative
8 assembly to repay any outstanding line of credit balance, including accrued
9 interest.