

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1015

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the various divisions
2 under the supervision of the director of the office of management and budget; to create and
3 enact a new section to chapter 54-44 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a state
4 facility maintenance fund; to repeal section 11-38-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
5 to county achievement days; to provide for a transfer; to authorize a line of credit; to provide an
6 exemption; to provide for a report; and to declare an emergency.

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

8 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
9 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
10 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
11 federal funds, to the office of management and budget for the purpose of defraying the
12 expenses of the office of management and budget, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
13 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
15 Salaries and wages	\$23,510,218	\$2,884,853	\$26,395,071
16 New and vacant FTE pool	98,200,000	(96,997,038)	1,202,962
17 Operating expenses	18,217,793	6,874,081	25,091,874
18 Capital assets	308,355	5,808,649	6,117,004
19 Emergency commission contingency fund	750,000	(750,000)	0
20 Guardianship grants	7,100,000	1,000,000	8,100,000
21 Prairie public broadcasting	1,200,000	(350,000)	850,000

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1	Community service supervision grants	350,000	(35,000)	315,000
2	State employee child care benefits	3,000,000	(1,635,000)	1,365,000
3	Student internship program	0	500,000	500,000
4	State facility maintenance fund	0	40,000,000	40,000,000
5	Rent, moving, and space reconfiguration pool	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
6	Retirement incentive pool	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
7	State Hospital project	0	285,000,000	285,000,000
8	Life education committee	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
9	Total all funds	\$152,636,366	\$250,300,545	\$402,936,911
10	Less other funds	<u>71,757,126</u>	<u>284,110,834</u>	<u>355,867,960</u>
11	Total general fund	\$80,879,240	(\$33,810,289)	\$47,068,951
12	Full-time equivalent positions	110.00	1.00	111.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
19 Procurement automation	\$0	\$515,052	\$515,052
20 Recruiting management system	250,000	0	250,000
21 Student internship program	500,000	0	500,000
22 Employee leave payouts	99,305	50,695	150,000
23 Snow removal equipment	0	172,000	172,000
24 Floor scrubber	0	20,000	20,000
25 Capitol building improvements	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
26 Governor's residence projects	0	2,350,000	2,350,000
27 State facility maintenance fund	0	40,000,000	40,000,000
28 Rent, moving, and space reconfiguration pool	0	6,000,000	6,000,000
29 Retirement incentive pool	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
30 Life education committee	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
31 State hospital project	0	285,000,000	285,000,000

1	Prairie public broadcasting infrastructure	<u>0</u>	<u>850,000</u>	<u>850,000</u>
2	Total	\$1,849,305	\$338,957,747	\$340,807,052

3 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
4 office of management and budget may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant
5 FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may transfer funds from the new and vacant
6 FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the provisions of this
7 Act.

8 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - NEW AND VACANT FTE FUNDING POOL - 2023-25**
9 **BIENNIUM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,
10 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
11 necessary, to the office of management and budget for the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant
12 FTE funding pool, for the period beginning with the effective date of this section and ending
13 June 30, 2025. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the office of management and
14 budget may transfer the funds under this section to other state agencies in accordance with the
15 guidelines established in section 16 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special Session Session Laws.

16 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIFORM LAWS COMMISSION - 2023-25 BIENNIUM.**
17 There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
18 appropriated, the sum of \$45,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of
19 management and budget for the purpose of uniform laws commission expenses, for the period
20 beginning with the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2025.

21 **SECTION 6. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND -**
22 **STATE FACILITY MAINTENANCE FUND.** The office of management and budget shall transfer
23 the sum of \$40,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the state
24 facility maintenance fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
25 2027.

26 **SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISION FUND.** Any
27 moneys in the community service supervision fund under section 29-26-22 are appropriated to
28 the office of management and budget for distribution to community corrections association
29 regions on or before August first of each year, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
30 ending June 30, 2027.

1 **SECTION 8. TRANSFER - SOCIAL SERVICES FUND TO HUMAN SERVICE FINANCE**

2 **FUND.** The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$235,000,000 from the
3 social services fund to the human service finance fund during the biennium beginning July 1,
4 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

5 **SECTION 9. TRANSFER AUTHORITY - STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - STATE**
6 **FACILITY MAINTENANCE FUND - RENT, MOVING, AND SPACE RECONFIGURATION**

7 **POOL.** The office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority to eligible
8 state agencies during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, from the
9 line items in section 1 of this Act as follows:

- 10 1. From the student internship line item for student internships.
- 11 2. From the state facility maintenance fund line item for maintenance projects at state-
12 owned facilities.
- 13 3. From the rent, moving, and space reconfiguration pool line item for agency lease,
14 relocation, and remodeling costs.

15 **SECTION 10. TRANSFER - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND**
16 **APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND**
17 **REHABILITATION - EXEMPTION - SPENDING RESTRICTION - REPORT.**

- 18 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before June 30, 2025, the office of
19 management and budget shall transfer any federal state fiscal recovery fund
20 appropriation authority amounts previously obligated but not anticipated to be
21 expended from the state agency that received the appropriation authority to the
22 department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purpose of defraying the expenses
23 of salaries and wages of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, for the
24 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.
- 25 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or before December 31, 2026, the office
26 of management and budget shall transfer any federal state fiscal recovery fund
27 appropriation authority amounts previously obligated but not anticipated to be
28 expended from the state agency that received the appropriation authority to the
29 department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purpose of defraying the expenses
30 of salaries and wages of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, for the
31 biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

3. The office of management and budget shall transfer any uncommitted accumulated interest and earnings of the federal state fiscal recovery fund to the department of corrections and rehabilitation during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Any interest and earnings received by the department of corrections and rehabilitation under this section are appropriated to the department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of salaries and wages, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

4. The department of corrections and rehabilitation may not spend general fund appropriations equal to the amount of any federal state fiscal recovery fund moneys transferred to the department under this section.

5. The office of management and budget shall report to the budget section regarding any appropriation authority and interest and earnings transferred under this section.

SECTION 11. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

FUND. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$207,557,052 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the following projects:

Procurement automation	\$515,052
Snow removal equipment	172,000
Floor scrubber	20,000
Rent, moving, and space reconfiguration pool	6,000,000
State hospital project	200,000,000
Prairie public broadcasting infrastructure	<u>850,000</u>
Total	\$207,557,052

SECTION 12. OTHER FUNDS - CAPITOL BUILDING FUND. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$5,850,000 from the capitol building fund for the following purposes and projects:

Ongoing capitol grounds repairs	\$500,000
Governor's residence projects	2,350,000
Capitol building improvements	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total	\$5,850,000

SECTION 13. OTHER FUNDS - STATE HOSPITAL PROJECT - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA LINE OF CREDIT - PROJECT OVERSIGHT.

1 1. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$85,000,000 from a Bank of
2 North Dakota line of credit. The office of management and budget may borrow up to
3 \$85,000,000 through a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota during the
4 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, for costs associated with
5 the construction of a new state hospital. The interest rate on the line of credit may not
6 exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. If
7 the office of management and budget accesses the line of credit, it shall request a
8 deficiency appropriation from the seventieth legislative assembly to repay the line of
9 credit.

10 2. The office of management and budget shall have managerial control of the new state
11 hospital project and any construction management consultants utilized for the project
12 must report directly to the office of management and budget.

13 **SECTION 14. LIFE EDUCATION COMMITTEE - LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN -**
14 **COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST FUND.**

15 1. The life education committee is created and comprised of the following members:
16 a. Three individuals appointed by the governor;
17 b. Two members of the house of representatives selected by the majority leader of
18 the house of representatives; and
19 c. Two members of the senate selected by the majority leader of the senate.
20 2. During the 2025-27 biennium, the life education committee shall:
21 a. Oversee the statewide life education campaign established in this section;
22 b. Oversee the instructional course established under section 43-17-27.1 pursuant
23 to House Bill No. 1511 as enacted by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.
24 3. The governor may designate the office of management and budget responsibility to
25 provide support to the life education committee pursuant to section 54-07-01.4.
26 4. The sum of \$1,000,000 from the community health trust fund included in section 1 of
27 this Act must be used to develop a contract through the office of management and
28 budget, in consultation with the attorney general, for the coordination of a statewide
29 life education campaign.

5. The contractor selected to conduct the statewide life education campaign must be a resident North Dakota contractor, as defined under section 44-08-02. The contractor shall report to the life education committee, as determined by the committee.

6. The state life education campaign must include:

- a. Education on state abortion laws and policy;
- b. Education on state laws and policies supporting life and family values;
- c. Programs available for a pregnant mother, including assistance, housing, and adoption services;
- d. Resources for children and families; and
- e. Other information as determined by the life education committee.

SECTION 15. GRANTS AND SPECIAL ITEMS. Section 1 of this Act includes appropriation authority which may be used only for the following grants and special items:

Unemployment insurance	\$1,500,000
Capitol grounds planning commission	\$25,000
Statewide memberships and related expenses	\$757,489

SECTION 16. STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS - GUIDELINES.

1. The 2025-27 biennium compensation adjustments for permanent state employees are to average 3 percent per eligible employee for the first fiscal year of the biennium and are to average 3 percent per eligible employee for the second year of the biennium. The increases for the first year of the biennium are to be given beginning with the month of July 2025, to be paid in August 2025, and for the second year of the biennium are to be given beginning with the month of July 2026, to be paid in August 2026. Increases for eligible state employees are to be based on documented performance and are not to be the same percentage increase for each employee.
2. The office of management and budget shall develop guidelines for use by state agencies for providing compensation adjustments for classified state employees. The guidelines must follow the compensation philosophy statement under section 54-44.3-01.2.
3. Probationary employees are not entitled to the increases. However, at the discretion of the appointing authority, probationary employees may be given all or a portion of the increases effective in July, paid in August, or upon completion of probation. Employees

whose overall documented performance level does not meet standards are not eligible for any salary increase.

**SECTION 17. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - GUIDELINES - EXEMPTION -
TRANSFERS - REPORTS - APPLICATION.**

1. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget shall transfer funds from an executive branch state agency's new and vacant FTE pool line item to the agency's salaries and wages line item or other line items with salaries and wages funding as requested by the agency in accordance with provisions of this section.
2. An executive branch state agency may request a transfer to provide funding for the salaries and wages necessary for the remainder of the 2025-27 biennium for a new full-time equivalent position authorized by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly from the date of hiring through the end of the biennium, limited to the amount identified for the position in the statement of purpose of amendment.
3. After July 31, 2026, an executive branch state agency may request a transfer if the agency projects actual salaries and wages expenditures will exceed the agency's available salaries and wages funding for the biennium. The transfer amount may not exceed the amount by which the agency's actual salaries and wages savings from vacant positions and employee turnover to date and estimates for the remainder of the biennium adjusted for other identified uses of any savings are less than the vacant position savings estimate used by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly in development of the agency's appropriation. The agency shall provide documentation supporting the need for the transfer to the office of management and budget and legislative council in advance of the transfer request.
4. Each executive branch state agency with a new and vacant FTE pool line item shall report to the office of management and budget and the legislative council on a quarterly basis regarding any transfer of appropriation authority for filling a new full-time equivalent position. The report must include the funding transferred, the title of the position filled, the salary funding removed by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly for the position by funding source as identified in the statement of purpose of amendment, and the date the position was filled.

- 1 5. Each executive branch state agency with a new and vacant FTE pool line item shall
2 report quarterly to the office of management and budget and the legislative council on
3 the number of full-time equivalent positions that become vacant and the number of
4 positions filled each month, the number of vacant positions at the end of each month,
5 salaries and wages savings by funding source for each month resulting from vacant
6 positions and employee turnover, and the use of salaries and wages savings by
7 funding source for other purposes, including accrued leave payouts, salary increases
8 in addition to general salary increases provided by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly,
9 bonuses, incentive or location pay adjustments, reclassifications, temporary salaries or
10 overtime in excess of amounts provided by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, or
11 other items.
- 12 6. The office of management and budget shall report to each meeting of the budget
13 section regarding the status of funding in each executive branch state agency's new
14 and vacant FTE pool line item; vacant positions, employee turnover, and savings from
15 vacant positions and employee turnover by agency; and uses of savings from vacant
16 positions and employee turnover for other purposes by agency.
- 17 7. The provisions of section 54-27-10 do not apply to the salaries and wages line item of
18 appropriations approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, for the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
- 20 8. An executive branch state agency may request a deficiency appropriation from the
21 seventieth legislative assembly if the funding in the agency's new and vacant FTE pool
22 line item is insufficient to provide the necessary salaries and wages funding for the
23 biennium.

24 **SECTION 18.** A new section to chapter 54-44 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
25 and enacted as follows:

26 **State facility maintenance fund.**

27 There is created in the state treasury the state facility maintenance fund. The fund consists
28 of moneys allocated to the fund from legislative transfers. Subject to legislative appropriation,
29 moneys in the fund may be used for maintenance needs at state-owned facilities, excluding
30 facilities under the control of the state board of higher education.

31 **SECTION 19. REPEAL.** Section 11-38-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

1 **SECTION 20. EXEMPTION - FISCAL MANAGEMENT.** The amount appropriated for the
2 fiscal management division, as contained in section 1 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special
3 Session Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended
4 funds from this appropriation are available for continued development and operating costs of
5 the statewide systems, including accounting, management, and payroll, during the biennium
6 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

7 **SECTION 21. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following
8 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into
9 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 10 1. The sum of \$500,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements
11 fund in section 1 and identified in section 2 of chapter 40 of the 2019 Session Laws
12 and continued into the 2021-23 biennium pursuant to chapter 42 of the 2021 Session
13 Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium pursuant to chapter 640 of the 2023
14 Special Session Laws for an assessment of state facilities.
- 15 2. The sum of \$3,659,555 appropriated from federal funds in section 1 and identified in
16 section 2 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special Session Laws for governor's emergency
17 education relief program.
- 18 3. The sum of \$4,000,000 from the capitol building fund in section 1 and identified in
19 section 2 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special Session Laws for the window
20 replacement project.
- 21 4. The sum of \$2,500,000 appropriated from the general fund in section 1 and identified
22 in section 2 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special Session Laws for space utilization
23 improvements.
- 24 5. The sum of \$20,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and
25 improvements fund in section 1 and identified in section 2 of chapter 640 of the 2023
26 Special Session Laws for the boiler replacement project and water mitigation at the
27 liberty memorial building.
- 28 6. The sum of \$400,000 appropriated from the general fund in section 1 and identified in
29 section 2 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special Session Laws for the procurement
30 automation project.

- 1 **SECTION 22. EMERGENCY.** The capital assets, state facility maintenance fund, and rent,
2 moving, and space reconfiguration pool line items in section 1 of this Act and sections 4, 5, and
3 10 of this Act are declared to be emergency measures.