

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1442**

Introduced by

Representatives Toman, Lefor, Weisz, Vigesaa

Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a legislative task force on government efficiency; to  
3 provide for a legislative management report; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an  
4 emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Legislative task force on government efficiency - Members - Duties - Report to the**  
9 **legislative management.**

- 10 1. The legislative management shall create a legislative task force on government  
11 efficiency.
- 12 2. Each member of the task force shall serve two-year terms. The membership of the  
13 task force consists of:
- 14 a. The director of the office of management and budget;
- 15 b. The chief operating officer for the office of the governor;
- 16 c. One elected statewide officer, appointed by the governor;
- 17 d. One individual residing in the state, appointed by the governor;
- 18 e. Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the majority leader  
19 of the house of representatives; and
- 20 f. Three members of the senate, appointed by the majority leader of the senate.

- 1       3. The chairman of the legislative management shall select a member of the legislative  
2       assembly appointed under subdivision e or f of subsection 2 to serve as chairman of  
3       the task force.
- 4       4. The task force shall:
- 5       a. Meet at least once each calendar quarter or more frequently at the call of the  
6       chairman.
- 7       b. Review and analyze budgets and reports from executive branch agencies and  
8       the supreme court.
- 9       c. Collaborate with and receive testimony from executive branch agencies and the  
10      supreme court to identify areas to increase efficiency and methods to implement  
11      cost-saving measures, determine areas of state government deemed  
12      unnecessary or duplicative, target outdated or overly restrictive regulations, and  
13      find areas in which partnerships between the state and private industry would  
14      create innovative financing models to drive economic growth and job creation.
- 15      d. Review the effectiveness and necessity of programs and laws created by the  
16      legislative assembly through previous legislative enactments.
- 17      e. Request the state auditor or an independent private auditing firm to conduct  
18      program evaluations using generally accepted performance audit standards for  
19      state and local governments.
- 20      f. Submit an annual report to the legislative management detailing its findings and  
21      progress in implementing cost-saving measures and efficiencies along with any  
22      recommended legislation for introduction at the next legislative session.
- 23      5. A state employee who is a member of the task force is entitled to receive that  
24      employee's regular salary and is entitled to reimbursement for mileage and expenses  
25      to be paid by the employing agency. A member of the task force who is a member of  
26      the legislative assembly is entitled to receive per diem compensation at the rate  
27      provided under section 54-35-10 for each day performing official duties of the task  
28      force. The legislative council shall pay the per diem compensation and reimbursement  
29      for travel and expenses as provided by law for any member of the task force who is a  
30      member of the legislative assembly.

1       6. The legislative council shall provide staffing and administrative services for the task  
2           force through July 31, 2031.

3       **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2031, and after that  
4 date is ineffective.

5       **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.