

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2396

Introduced by

Senators Weston, Boehm, Hogue, Paulson

Representatives Steiner, Tveit

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a performance audit of the North Dakota development fund; to
2 provide for a legislative management report; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. PERFORMANCE AUDIT - NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND -**

5 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The legislative management shall contract with an
6 independent third party for the completion of a performance audit of the North Dakota
7 development fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The
8 performance audit must address the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the economic
9 development programs of the North Dakota development fund relative to industry best practices
10 criteria for the years 2020 to 2024 by examining internal processes, controls, and results to
11 identify areas for improvement and provide recommendations for corrective actions. A
12 representative of the North Dakota development fund shall report the audit findings to the
13 legislative management before September 1, 2026.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - PERFORMANCE**

15 **AUDIT - NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in
16 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so
17 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative management for the purpose of
18 contracting for a performance audit of the North Dakota development fund, for the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.