

March 18, 2025

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2022**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on  
2 legal counsel for indigents; and to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-44.3-20 of  
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to categories of positions in the state service.

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

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

	Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
13 <del>Commission on legal counsel</del>	<del>\$23,022,372</del>	<del>\$2,766,753</del>	<del>\$25,789,125</del>
14 <del>—for indigents</del>			
15 <u>Commission on legal counsel</u>	<u>\$23,022,372</u>	<u>\$3,576,753</u>	<u>\$26,599,125</u>
16 <u>  for indigents</u>			
17 New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>554,757</u>	<u>554,757</u>
18 <del>Total all funds</del>	<del>\$23,022,372</del>	<del>\$3,321,510</del>	<del>\$26,343,882</del>
19 <u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$23,022,372</u>	<u>\$4,131,510</u>	<u>\$27,153,882</u>

1	Less other funds	<u>2,023,067</u>	<u>26,149</u>	<u>2,049,216</u>
2	<del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$20,999,305</del>	<del>\$3,295,361</del>	<del>\$24,294,666</del>
3	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$20,999,305</u>	<u>\$4,105,361</u>	<u>\$25,104,666</u>
4	Full-time equivalent positions	41.00	2.00	43.00

5       **SECTION 2. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
6 commission on legal counsel for indigents may not spend funds appropriated in the new and  
7 vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and  
8 budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the commission on legal  
9 counsel for indigents line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions  
10 included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

11       **SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 54-44.3-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 created and enacted as follows:

13           Attorneys employed by the commission on legal counsel for indigents.