



State of North Dakota
OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER
Thomas Beadle, State Treasurer

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Chairman Roers,

Before you is SB 2073, a bill that amends NDCC 54-11-16 regarding the background check provisions for the Office of the State Treasurer.

Our office has this requirement primarily due to our involvement in processing and handling federal tax information and to be in compliance with the IRS and publication 1075 (Rev. 11-2021) Section 2.C.3. Due to federal requirements related to this information as it relates to the Office of State Treasurer's daily duties, we must follow the federal guidelines. Those guidelines have been adjusted and they shortened the period for rechecking employees from 10 years to 5, and this bill seeks to codify that.

After the bill was introduced, I was approached by BCI about an amendment. As you can see in bottom of this bill in the existing code, this section references NDCC 12-60-24, which is BCI's chapter. BCI manages the background check process for the state. In talking with them, they've advised that the FBI is being more stringent in the actual wording utilized in code, and have recommended a technical correction to our current language to make it conform with their updated framework. I've included those amendments to my testimony and ask this committee to adopt those as well.

Thank you for your consideration and I'm happy to answer any questions the committee might have.

Thomas Beadle
State Treasurer