# Job Service North Dakota Senate Bill Nos. 2017, 2023

2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bills as introduced)	FTE Positions 389.78	<b>General Fund</b> \$2,000,356	Other Funds \$58,611,804	<b>Total</b> \$60,612,160
2001-03 legislative appropriations	389.78	2,100,356	58,611,804	60,712,160
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations	(0.62)	\$850,356	\$5,748,396	\$6,598,752
2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation	389.78	\$2,250,356	\$58,611,804	\$60,862,160
Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation	0.00	(\$150,000)	\$0	(\$150,000)

#### **GOVERNOR HOEVEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Hoeven recommendation increased the level of funding from the general fund for Job Service North Dakota by \$250,000 to increase the funding for Work Force 2000 from \$2,000,356 to \$2,250,356.

### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET (SCHAFER) AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

## **Salaries and Wages**

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for Job Service North Dakota is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. In addition to the above appropriations, agencies may receive additional funding from the \$5 million appropriated in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1015 for special market equity adjustments for classified state employees whose salaries are the furthest from their respective salary range midpoints.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Increased funding for the Work Force 2000 program from \$2,000,35 to \$2,100,356		\$100,000		\$100,000

## **FTE Changes**

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation includes funding for 389.78 FTE positions, a decrease of .62 FTE positions from the 1999-2001 biennium authorized level of 390.40 FTE positions. The legislative action did not change the executive recommendation to delete .62 FTE positions not requested by the agency.

#### Work Force 2000

The Legislative Assembly increased funding from the general fund for the Work Force 2000 program by \$100,000 from \$2,000,356 to \$2,100,356. The 2001-03 appropriation is a general fund reduction of \$150,000 compared to Governor Hoeven's 2001-03 recommendation for the Work Force 2000 program of \$2,250,356 and an increase of \$850,356 compared to the 1999-2001 general fund appropriation for the Work Force 2000 program of \$1,250,000. Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2017 requires that for the first year of the biennium a minimum of \$150,000 of the \$2,100,356 provided for Work Force 2000 be available for projects in areas in the state

which are not within five miles of any city with a population of more than 8,000, and any Work Force 2000 funds remaining after June 30, 2002, may be used for projects in any area of the state.

## **Capital Improvements**

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$2,302,000 of capital project funding from state bonding proceeds for construction of a new Bismarck service delivery office and to require funding of \$2,302,000 from nongeneral fund sources be available for retirement of the associated bonding authorized in Senate Bill No. 2023.

#### Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2017

**Federal advance interest repayment fund** - Section 5 amends North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 52-04-22 relating to the federal advance interest repayment fund to provide a continuing appropriation for moneys in the fund to be used for principal and interest costs associated with the acquisition of a new service delivery office in Bismarck.

Job task analysis services - Section 6 allows Job Service North Dakota to provide job task analysis services to employers for a reasonable fee and requires all fees collected be deposited in a separate account at the Bank of North Dakota for the purpose of providing job task analysis services. In addition, the section provides a continuing appropriation for all moneys deposited in the account.

**Unemployment compensation incentive fund** - Section 7 provides a continuing appropriation to Job Service North Dakota for moneys credited to the unemployment compensation incentive fund pursuant to Section 903 of the Social Security Act for the purpose of administration of the unemployment compensation program.

#### **Related Legislation**

**Job insurance trust fund balance** - House Bill No. 1084 amends NDCC Section 52-02-17 by removing the job insurance trust fund minimum balance requirement of \$40 million and adding the requirement that Job Service North Dakota report to the Legislative Council before March 1 of each year on the actual trust fund balance and on the projected trust fund balance for the next three years.

**Workforce training and development programs** - Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2020 provides for a Legislative Council study of workforce training and development programs in North Dakota, including the Work Force 2000 program administered by Job Service North Dakota.