

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-44-11, sections 54-44.4-02,
2 and 54-44.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to providing a continuing
3 appropriation from the state purchasing operating fund, delegation of purchasing authority by
4 the director of the office of management and budget, and cooperation with political subdivisions
5 for purchasing; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-44-11 of the 1995
8 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 1. The office of management and budget shall establish a state purchasing operating
10 fund to be used for the procurement and maintenance of an inventory of
11 equipment and supplies for the state departments and agencies. Funds in the
12 state purchasing operating fund are hereby appropriated on a continuing basis and
13 may be spent by the office of management and budget for the procurement and
14 maintenance of an inventory of equipment and supplies as provided in this
15 subsection. The director of the office of management and budget shall transfer
16 any unobligated balance in the fund, in excess of one hundred twenty-five
17 thousand dollars, to the state general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-44.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **54-44.4-02. Office of management and budget purchasing services.** The office of
21 management and budget shall purchase or lease or otherwise arrange for the procurement, for
22 all state agencies and institutions in the executive branch of state government, all materials,
23 furniture, fixtures, printing, insurance, and other commodities, except the following:

24 1. Land, buildings, space, or the rental thereof.

2. Telephone and telegraph service, and electrical light and power services.
3. Public books, maps, periodicals, and technical pamphlets.
4. Department of transportation materials, equipment, and supplies in accordance with the provisions of chapters 24-02 and 24-03.
5. Professional services pursuant to written contract.
6. Services for the maintenance or servicing of equipment by the manufacturer or authorized servicing agent of that equipment where the maintenance or servicing can best be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service agent, or where such a contract would otherwise be advantageous to the state.
7. Emergency purchases the office of management and budget cannot make within the required time and which involve public health or public safety, or where immediate expenditures are necessary for repairs of state property to protect it against further loss or damage, or to prevent or minimize serious disruption in state services.
8. Such specific items or items costing less than a specified amount as determined and indicated by written directive by the director of the office of management and budget.

The office of management and budget shall purchase items as requested by agencies and institutions under the jurisdiction of the state board of higher education and the legislative and judicial branches of state government. The agencies and institutions under the jurisdiction of the state board of higher education ~~shall, together~~ with the office of management and budget, shall make such joint purchases of like items of high common usage as determined jointly by the agencies and institutions under the jurisdiction of the state board of higher education and the office of management and budget as will result in less cost to the state. The office of management and budget, pursuant to terms and conditions imposed by it, may agree with political subdivisions that have organized a purchasing group pursuant to a joint powers agreement under chapter 54-40.3 to cooperatively purchase certain specific items designated by the office of management and budget if the cooperative purchase will result in a benefit to the state and to the political subdivisions participating in the joint powers agreement.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 54-44.4-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 1 **54-44.4-03. Director of the office of management and budget may delegate**
2 **purchasing authority.** The director of the office of management and budget may delegate to
3 state agencies and institutions the authority to make purchases of items not otherwise
4 exempted by law ~~when the purchases are necessary due to an agency being able to obtain a~~
5 ~~lower price with equal quality, the perishability of items, or the location of the items.~~ Any
6 delegation of purchasing authority must be in writing and must ~~indicate~~ specify what ~~is to~~ may
7 be purchased by the agency or institution and the duration of the delegation.