

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2026

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Government Services)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-59-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to state agency information technology plans and telecommuting.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-59-11 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-59-11. Information technology plans.** Each executive branch state agency or
7 institution, including the institutions under the control of the board of higher education, shall
8 prepare an information technology plan, subject to approval by the department. The plan must
9 be submitted to the department by January fifteenth of each even-numbered year. The plan
10 must be prepared based on guidelines developed by the department; must provide the
11 information technology goals, objectives, and activities of the entity for the current biennium and
12 the next two bienniums; must address the feasibility of telecommuting by selected employees,
13 including positions that are suitable for telecommuting, travel and space needs, and information
14 technology needs for supporting telecommuting; and must include a list of information
15 technology assets owned, leased, or employed by the entity. Each entity required to file a plan
16 shall provide interim updates to its plan if major information technology changes occur which
17 affect its plan. The department shall review each entity's plan for compliance with statewide
18 information technology policies and standards and may require an entity to change its plan to
19 comply with statewide policies or standards or to resolve conflicting directions among plans.
20 Agencies of the judicial and legislative branches shall file their information technology plans
21 with the department by January fifteenth of each even-numbered year. Each state entity shall
22 prepare its budget request for the next biennium based on its information technology plan. The
23 agency's budget request and the governor's budget recommendation must include supporting
24 information describing in detail how the information technology plan relates to the budget

1 request and recommendation. Any budget adjustment by the budget office must include the
2 corresponding change to the plan. Based on the plans, the department shall prepare a
3 statewide information technology plan and distribute copies of that plan to members of the
4 legislative assembly as requested by the legislative council or its designee. The statewide
5 information technology plan must be developed with emphasis on long-term strategic goals and
6 objectives. Any state agency or institution, county, city, school district, or other entity that uses
7 the statewide network or is a user of services of the department shall file a plan that includes
8 and identifies all requirements for voice, data, or video.