Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003

HOUSE BILL NO. 1016
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to create and enact a new section to chapter 12-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the incarceration of female inmates in grade one correctional facilities; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for a legislative council study; to provide an exemption to chapters 48-01.1 and 54-44.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public improvement contract bids and architect, engineer, and lands surveying services; to provide for a performance audit of the department of corrections and rehabilitation; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, as follows:

Field services	$20,922,058
Prisons division	68,254,582
Juvenile community services	9,629,163
Youth correctional center	11,577,679
Total all funds	$110,383,482
Less estimated income	29,646,871
Total general fund appropriation	$80,736,611

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - 2001-03 BIENNIUM. There is appropriated from federal funds the sum of $500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of corrections and rehabilitation, in adult services of the field services division, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department's transition center, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

SECTION 3. CRIME VICTIMS RESTITUTION AND GIFT FUND. The sum of $100,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the field services line item in section 1 of this Act, is from the crime victims restitution and gift fund and shall be used by the department of corrections and rehabilitation for the purposes provided in section 54-23.4-05, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

SECTION 4. STATE PENITENTIARY LAND FUND. The sum of $82,500, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the youth correctional center line item in section 1 of this Act, is from the state penitentiary land fund and shall be used by the department of corrections and rehabilitation for capital projects at the youth correctional center, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COUNTY CONTRACT HOUSING STATE FEMALE INMATES - REPORTS TO BUDGET SECTION. It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the state contract with county facilities to house state female inmates during the 2003-05 biennium, with the continuation of the contracting subject to the results of the study in Section 6 of this Act. The

department of corrections and rehabilitation and county jails contracting to house state female inmates shall report to the fall 2003 and summer 2004 meetings of the budget section on the implementation and procedures of contracting with counties to house state female inmates.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - CONTRACT HOUSING - FEMALE INMATES. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2003-04 interim, the long-term needs of all state inmates and if the department of corrections and rehabilitation should continue to contract to house state female inmates with county jails or if the state should expand the prison system. If selected, the study must include a review of the east cell block of the North Dakota state penitentiary and future needs for maximum security prisoners; the female population and related treatment, programming, and training needs; and the mental health services of the state hospital, including if the department of corrections and rehabilitation should continue to expand its facilities on the state hospital grounds and if patients at the state hospital with mental health needs should be served in other locations. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 7. TRANSFER OF LAND AND BUILDINGS - EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTERS 48-01.1 AND 54-44.7. Ownership of the food service building, the dining facility and attached building 18A, the laundry building, and buildings eight and fifty on the grounds of the state hospital must be transferred to the department of corrections and rehabilitation. The department of corrections and rehabilitation is not subject to the provisions of chapters 48-01.1 and 54-44.7 relating to public improvement contract bids and architect, engineer, and land surveying services for construction and renovation relating to the nurses' building, food service building, the dining facility and attached building 18A, laundry building, and building eight.

SECTION 8. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION - PERFORMANCE AUDIT. The state auditor shall consider conducting a performance audit of the department of corrections and rehabilitation during the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending January 1, 2005. The results of the performance audit must be presented to the legislative audit and fiscal review committee and the appropriations committees during the department of corrections and rehabilitation's budget presentation during the fifty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 9. A new section to chapter 12-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Female inmates in grade one correctional facilities. Notwithstanding section 12-44.1-06, a grade one correctional facility that has a contract with the department of corrections and rehabilitation to confine female inmates who have been sentenced to the legal and physical custody of the department of corrections and rehabilitation may confine the female inmate for more than one year in accordance with the terms of the contract. A female inmate who has been sentenced to the legal and physical custody of the department of corrections and rehabilitation and who is confined in a grade one correctional facility under a contract with the department of corrections and rehabilitation has the same rights to sentence reduction for good and meritorious conduct and to pardon and parole as an inmate confined in a department of corrections and rehabilitation prisons division facility.

SECTION 10. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 9 of this Act is effective from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005, and after that date is ineffective.

SECTION 11. EMERGENCY. The sum of $1,421,727 for capital construction projects included in the prisons division line item in section 1 of this Act and section 2 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.

Speaker of the House | President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House | Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1016 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 70 Nays 22 Absent 2

Speaker of the House | Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

President of the Senate | Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State