

HOUSE BILL NO. 1077

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

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

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-14-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to fiscal irregularities reportable to the budget section.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-14-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-14-03.1. Reports to legislative council budget section.** The office of the budget,
7 in the course of the preaudit of claims against the state, or in otherwise carrying out its duties,
8 shall note irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state and its departments, agencies, and
9 institutions and areas where more uniform and improved fiscal procedures are desirable, and it
10 shall further note expenditures and governmental activities that it may believe to be contrary to
11 law or to the intent of the legislative assembly. "Irregularities" as used in this section includes
12 the use of state funds to provide bonuses, cash incentive awards, and temporary salary
13 adjustments for state employees unless the bonus, cash incentive award, or temporary salary
14 adjustment is otherwise authorized by law or administrative rule or based on temporary
15 changes in the employee's workload. The office of the budget shall submit a detailed written
16 report accompanied by adequate documentation to the budget section of the legislative council,
17 or any division of the budget section designated for that purpose, setting out the irregularity,
18 expenditure, or activity. The report must be presented at the next scheduled meeting of the
19 budget section following the discovery of the irregularity, expenditure, or activity.