

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments-Majority Report
REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2021**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety
2 and insurance; to provide legislative intent; to provide for a report; to provide a continuing
3 appropriation; and to create and enact two new sections to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota
4 Century Code, relating to employee awards and incentive spending authority and
5 implementation of occupational health and preventive medicine programs.

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

7 **SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION.** The amount identified in this
8 section represents the base level funding component appropriated to workforce safety and
9 insurance in section 3 of this Act as follows:

10 Total special funds - Base level \$33,523,001

11 **SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION.** The
12 amount identified in this section represents the funding adjustments or enhancements to the
13 base funding level for workforce safety and insurance which are included in the appropriation in
14 section 3 of this Act as follows:

15 Total special funds - Adjustments/enhancements \$19,750,731

16 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
17 funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from the workforce
18 safety and insurance fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to workforce safety
19 and insurance, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, as follows:

20 Total special funds appropriation \$53,273,732

21 **SECTION 4. INTENT - STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS -**

22 **GUIDELINES.** It is the intent of the sixtieth legislative assembly that the general salary
23 increases provided for in Senate Bill No. 2189 do not apply to workforce safety and insurance.

1 Workforce safety and insurance may provide salary increases during the 2007-09 biennium
2 based on the agency's merit and performance system.

3 **SECTION 5. PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT TO THE**
4 **BUDGET SECTION.** Workforce safety and insurance shall report semiannually to the budget
5 section on the agency's status of implementing the performance audit recommendations of the
6 state auditor.

7 **SECTION 6.** Two new sections to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code are
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 **Spending authority.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the organization may
10 spend funds up to fifty thousand dollars, subject to legislative appropriations, for the purpose of
11 purchasing awards or incentive items for employment-related activities, including employee
12 training sessions and workers' compensation education or training for public officials. All
13 expenses authorized under this section must be recorded in a separate expense code for
14 reporting purposes.

15 **Occupational health and preventive medicine programs - Continuing**
16 **appropriation.** Upon approval of the board, the organization may establish and implement
17 programs to advance occupational health and preventive medicine in this state and to protect
18 the integrity of the fund. These programs may include the provision of education or training,
19 consultation, grants, scholarships, or other incentives that promote superior care and treatment
20 of the workforce in this state. Funds in the workforce and insurance fund are appropriated to
21 the organization on a continuing basis for the purpose of funding the programs implemented
22 under this section.