

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1475**

Introduced by

Representatives Myxter, Ekstrom

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to creation of the beginning again North Dakota pilot program; to provide  
3 for a report to the legislative council; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide an  
4 expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Beginning again North Dakota pilot program - Continuing appropriation - Report**  
9 **to legislative council.**

- 10 1. The department shall implement and administer a beginning again North Dakota  
11 pilot program. The purpose of the program is to develop a data base of skills and  
12 other assets of communities and residents to be used to advance the internal and  
13 external attitude and image of this state and the communities in this state. The  
14 department shall implement this program in one city with a population of not more  
15 than five hundred, one city with a population of more than five hundred but not  
16 more than one thousand five hundred, and one city with a population of more than  
17 one thousand five hundred and not more than three thousand.
- 18 2. The department shall assemble state and local asset data from a broad range of  
19 sources. The sources for data may include the department, Bank of North Dakota,  
20 game and fish department, state historical society, Indian affairs commission, job  
21 service North Dakota, parks and recreation department, superintendent of public  
22 instruction, North Dakota university system, workforce safety and insurance, and  
23 state and local public and private entities. The nature of the data regarding skills  
24 and other assets may cover a broad range of information that may be valuable to

- 1           advance the attitude or image of the state and communities in the state. The data  
2           may include natural resources, real estate, educational resources, cultural  
3           resources, vocational resources, financial resources, and infrastructure resources.
- 4           3. The department shall use the information assembled in the data base to assist in  
5           strategic plans for development. Additionally, the department may use the  
6           information in the data base to assist local developers in strategic plans for  
7           development.
- 8           4. The department may contract with a public or private third party to provide any or  
9           all of the services necessary to implement and administer the program. The  
10           department may solicit support and contributions from public and private sources  
11           for the purpose of furthering the program. The department shall deposit in a  
12           special account in the state treasury all funds collected under this subsection. All  
13           funds deposited under this section are appropriated to the department on a  
14           continuing basis for the purpose of furthering the program.
- 15           5. During the 2007-08 interim, the commissioner shall provide a report to the  
16           legislative council regarding the implementation of the program, successes and  
17           failures of the program, and whether the program should be continued or be  
18           continued and expanded to additional communities.

19           **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2009, and  
20 after that date is ineffective.