Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly   **SENATE BILL NO. 2223**
of North Dakota

Introduced by

  Senators Robinson, Nething

  Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch, Weisz

1   A BILL for an Act to provide for regional public transportation pilot projects; and to provide an

2   appropriation.

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

4   **SECTION 1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PILOT**

5   **PROJECTS.** The department of transportation shall develop two public transportation

6   coordination pilot projects in two of this state's planning regions. The department shall

7   implement one project in 2009 and one project in 2010. Each pilot project must have a regional

8   coordination administrator who coordinates the provision of public transportation services to the

9   residents of the region in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation

10   and duplication of services. The regional coordination administrator shall assist communities in

11   public transportation planning in the specified region to develop a structure that will support a

12   coordinated public transportation system. The department shall develop standards for public

13   transportation providers and contractors who provide public transportation within the

14   coordinated public transportation system. These standards must promote coordination among

15   public transportation providers. The department shall prepare a four-year statewide public

16   transportation coordination plan to address the public transportation needs of residents in this

17   state which is compatible with local government comprehensive plans, and which ensures the

18   most cost-effective and efficient method of providing transportation to individuals.

19   **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the

20   general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $375,000, or so much

21   of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for two regional public

22   transportation coordination pilot projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending

23   June 30, 2011.