

HOUSE BILL NO. 1562

Introduced by

Representatives Schneider, R. Kelsch, L. Meier

Senators Holmberg, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to granting administrative leave for state employees participating in
3 public employees' organization activities.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Administrative leave - Public employee organization responsibilities.** The office of
8 management and budget shall provide up to eight hundred hours per year of administrative
9 leave for use by executive branch agencies to allow employees who are members of a public
10 employees' organization to attend legislative hearings or meetings, grievance meetings,
11 disciplinary hearings, labor and management meetings, negotiating sessions, or other meetings
12 or activities jointly agreed upon by the chief administrative officer of the employing agency. The
13 chief administrative officer of an agency may not deny request for administrative leave under
14 this section if the leave is not inconsistent with the operational needs of the agency and if hours
15 remain available for the allotment during a calendar year. Administrative leave granted under
16 this section is in addition to any administrative leave granted by the chief administrative officer
17 of an agency for attendance at an annual statewide meeting of a public employees'
18 organization.