

HOUSE BILL NO. 1463

Introduced by

Representatives Wolf, Clark, Myxter

Senators Flakoll, Robinson, Seymour

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact five new sections to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a state youth council; and to provide an expiration
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **North Dakota youth council - Creation.**

- 8 1. The North Dakota youth council consists of:
- 9 a. Sixteen individuals appointed by the governor;
 - 10 b. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the majority leader of
11 the house of representatives;
 - 12 c. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the minority leader of
13 the house of representatives;
 - 14 d. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the majority leader of
15 the senate;
 - 16 e. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the minority leader of
17 the senate; and
 - 18 f. The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as the chairman.
- 19 2. At the time of appointment, the individuals appointed by the governor must:
- 20 a. Be at least sixteen years of age but may not have reached the age of
21 twenty-five;
 - 22 b. Be residents of this state; and
 - 23 c. Include representation from:
24 (1) Diverse social, economic, and ethnic groups;

1 (2) Rural and urban areas; and

2 (3) Each of the areas designated by the governor's executive order
3 1978-12, dated October 5, 1978.

4 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Youth council chairman - Meetings.** The North Dakota youth council shall meet at
7 least four times each year, at the call of the chairman.

8 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 created and enacted as follows:

10 **Youth council members - Compensation.** Each member of the North Dakota youth
11 council, except the lieutenant governor, is entitled to receive compensation in the amount of
12 one-hundred thirty-five dollars per day. Each member of the council is entitled to receive
13 reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending
14 meetings or performing duties directed by the council.

15 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **Minor youth council members - Adult supervision.** If in order to attend a meeting or
18 perform duties directed by the North Dakota youth council a member of the council who is
19 under the age of majority requires overnight accommodations, the member must be
20 accompanied and supervised by a parent or other responsible adult selected by the parent. An
21 individual serving as an adult supervisor in accordance with this section is not entitled to
22 compensation or reimbursement.

23 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 created and enacted as follows:

25 **Youth council duties.** The North Dakota youth council shall develop a list of issues
26 and concerns pertinent to residents of this state who have not yet reached the age of
27 twenty-five. The list may include education, health care, employment opportunities, and quality
28 of life issues such as recreation and entertainment. The council, on its own and in conjunction
29 with any guests it elects to invite, shall explore its issues and concerns, review current
30 situations, and develop recommendations for consideration by local, regional, and state-level
31 policymakers.

1 **SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through June 30, 2011, and
2 after that date is ineffective.