

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-52.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to provider networks for the public employees uniform group insurance program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-52.1-04. Board to contract for insurance.**

7 1. The board shall receive bids for the providing of hospital benefits coverage, medical
8 benefits coverage, life insurance benefits coverage for a specified term, and employee
9 assistance program services; may receive bids separately for prescription drug
10 coverage; and shall accept one or more bids of and contract with the carriers that in
11 the judgment of the board best serves the interests of the state and its eligible
12 employees. Solicitations must be made not later than ninety days before the expiration
13 of an existing uniform group insurance contract. Bids must be solicited by
14 advertisement in a manner selected by the board that will provide reasonable notice to
15 prospective bidders. In preparing bid proposals and evaluating bids, the board may
16 utilize the services of consultants on a contract basis in order that the bids received
17 may be uniformly compared and properly evaluated. In determining which bid, if any,
18 will best serve the interests of eligible employees and the state, the board shall give
19 adequate consideration to the following factors:

20 1-a. The economy to be effected.

21 2-b. The ease of administration.

22 3-c. The adequacy of the coverages.

23 4-d. The financial position of the carrier, with special emphasis as to its solvency.

