

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1200**

Introduced by

Representative Carlson

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~  
2 ~~relating to space obtained outside the state capitol; and to provide an effective date.~~for an Act to  
3 provide for a legislative management study of the amount of state office space leased by state  
4 agencies compared to the cost of building additional office space on the capitol grounds and the  
5 capitol complex master plan.

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

7 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
8 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

9 ~~— **54-21-24. Additional office space may be obtained outside state capitol — Legislative**~~  
10 ~~**approval of long-term leases.**~~

11 ~~— If office space in the state capitol becomes insufficient to accommodate the various state~~  
12 ~~departments, agencies, and boards, the director of the office of management and budget upon~~  
13 ~~request of the department, agency, or board shall negotiate for, contract for, and obtain~~  
14 ~~additional office space outside the state capitol in the city of Bismarek or in the Bismarek area~~  
15 ~~as is necessary in order to provide accommodations for all state departments, agencies, and~~  
16 ~~boards. When office space is obtained in this manner, the department, agency, or board that~~  
17 ~~occupies the office space is deemed to be located at the state capitol for purposes of statutes~~  
18 ~~that require that a department, agency, or board must be maintained at the state capitol, and~~  
19 ~~the director shall charge an amount equal to the fair value of the office space and other services~~  
20 ~~rendered to all departments that receive and expend moneys from other than the general fund,~~  
21 ~~except that for good cause the amounts charged may be waived by the director for a one-year~~  
22 ~~period of time with the waiver being subject to further annual renewals after proper application~~  
23 ~~has been filed with the director. The department, agency, or board for which the office space is~~  
24 ~~sought must approve the office space before the director may finalize a contract or lease for the~~

1 ~~office space. The director may not enter a new contract or lease or extend or renew an existing~~  
2 ~~contract or lease for space for a term that exceeds the biennium or for an amount exceeding~~  
3 ~~one hundred thousand dollars unless the director has received prior approval from the~~  
4 ~~legislative assembly.~~

5 ~~— SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective on June 30, 2019.~~

6 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE OFFICE SPACE - CAPITOL**  
7 **COMPLEX MASTER PLAN.** During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall  
8 consider studying the amount of office space leased by state agencies outside of the state  
9 capitol; the costs associated with leasing the space compared to the cost of building additional  
10 office space on the state capitol grounds; and the feasibility and desirability of updating the  
11 capitol complex master plan. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
12 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
13 the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.