AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of distributed ledger technologies and a pilot program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Distributed ledger technologies - Authorization - Pilot program - Report.

The department shall research and develop the use of distributed ledger-enabled platform technologies, such as blockchains, for computer-controlled programs, data transfer and storage, and program regulation to protect against falsification, improve internal data security, and identify external hacking threats. Research must include efforts to protect the privacy of personal identifying information maintained within distributed ledger programs. The department shall select a state agency, upon the request of the state agency, to serve as a pilot program for the implementation and use of distributed ledger-enabled platform technologies. Before June first of each even-numbered year, the chief information officer shall report to the legislative management regarding the implementation of distributed ledger technologies.
This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1048.

House Vote:    Yeas 92    Nays 0    Absent 2
Senate Vote:  Yeas 42    Nays 0    Absent 5

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