

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the housing finance agency and the department  
2 of public instruction; to provide for a transfer; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - GENERAL FUND -**  
5 **HOMELESS GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
7 necessary, to the housing finance agency for the purpose of providing homeless grants, for the  
8 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

9 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - GENERAL FUND -**  
10 **EVICTION REPRESENTATION PILOT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is  
11 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
12 appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the housing  
13 finance agency for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to contract for the provision of  
14 legal representation for indigent individuals facing eviction, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
15 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation is considered a one-time funding item.

16 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - GENERAL FUND -**  
17 **HOMELESSNESS STUDY - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in  
18 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so  
19 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the housing finance agency for the purpose of  
20 contracting a consultant to assist with a study of homelessness in the state, for the biennium  
21 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation is considered a one-time  
22 funding item.

23 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - GENERAL**  
24 **FUND - HOMELESSNESS LIAISON SERVICES - MATCHING FUNDS.** There is appropriated

1 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum  
2 of \$1,200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of public  
3 instruction for the purpose of providing grants for homelessness liaison services to the ten  
4 school districts in the state with the greatest student enrollment, for the biennium beginning  
5 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. A school district may receive no more than \$60,000 per  
6 fiscal year under this program and it must provide \$1 of matching funds for every \$1 received  
7 from the state for homelessness liaison services.

8 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - HOUSING INCENTIVE FUND - ONE-TIME**  
9 **FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,  
10 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$200,000,000, which the office of management and  
11 budget shall transfer to the housing incentive fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,  
12 and ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation is considered a one-time funding item.

13 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HOMELESSNESS.** During the  
14 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study homelessness in the state. The study  
15 must include a review of data and funding available to address homelessness, an analysis of  
16 the use of available funds to identify gaps and potential solutions, and input from a consultant  
17 engaged by the housing finance agency to assist the committee with the study. The legislative  
18 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
19 required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.