

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2238**

Introduced by

Senators Hogan, Braunberger, Kreun, Weber

Representative Mitskog

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to criminal history
2 record checks; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**

5 **CHECK PROCESS.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider
6 studying the statewide criminal history record check process. The study may include a
7 comparison between the statewide and nationwide criminal history record check standards, a
8 review of the average processing time of a requested criminal history record check, and an
9 evaluation of methods to improve efficiency and processing times of the statewide criminal
10 history record check process. The legislative management shall report its findings and
11 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
12 the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**

14 **CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
15 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much
16 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the
17 purpose of salary and wages for personnel to process fingerprints and complete required
18 criminal history record checks and for the purchase of two fingerprint scanners, for the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The department is authorized two full-time
20 equivalent positions to process fingerprints for criminal history record checks.