

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

Page 1, line 2, after the first semicolon insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to severance agreements; to provide for a transfer;"

Page 8, after line 10, insert:

**"SECTION 5. TRANSFER - NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY.** Of the funding appropriated from the general fund in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act or from funding appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, that is continued pursuant to section 54-44.1-11, the state board of higher education shall transfer \$400,000 from the system governance line item or the shared campus services line item to the operations line item in subdivision 6 of section 1 of this Act by August 1, 2023. The North Dakota university system office may not assess institutions under the control of the state board of higher education to recover the cost of this transfer.

**SECTION 6.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Severance agreements - Funding - Emergency commission and budget section approval.**

The cost of any severance agreement approved by the state board of higher education must be paid from the North Dakota university system office budget. The North Dakota university system office may not assess institutions under the control of the state board of higher education to recover the cost of any severance agreement. Emergency commission and budget section approval is required before the board may expend any funds pursuant to this section. When considering the request, the budget section shall consider the amount obligated to the individual named in the severance agreement pursuant to the individual's employment contract with the board or institution under the control of the board, the cost of the severance agreement, and the justification for the severance agreement provided by the board."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

This amendment transfers \$400,000 of general fund appropriation authority from the North Dakota University System office to North Dakota State University. The amendment also provides for future severance agreements approved by the State Board of Higher Education to be paid from the North Dakota University System office budget with the approval of the Emergency Commission and the Budget Section.