

Introduced by

Representative Louser

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-52.1-06 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to state contributions under the uniform group insurance  
3 program; to amend and reenact section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to political subdivision participation in the uniform group insurance program; to provide  
5 an appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **54-52.1-03.1. Certain political subdivisions authorized to join uniform group**  
10 **insurance program - Employer contribution.**

11 1. If eligible under federal law, a political subdivision may extend the benefits of the  
12 uniform group insurance program under this chapter to its permanent employees,  
13 subject to minimum requirements established by the board and a minimum period of  
14 participation of sixty months.

15 2. If ~~the~~a political subdivision withdraws from participation in the uniform group insurance  
16 program, before completing sixty months of participation, unless federal or state laws  
17 or rules are modified or interpreted in a way that makes participation by the political  
18 subdivision in the uniform group insurance program no longer allowable or  
19 appropriate, the political subdivision shall make payment to the board in an amount  
20 equal to any expenses incurred in the uniform group insurance program ~~that~~which  
21 exceed income received on behalf of the political subdivision's employees as  
22 determined under rules adopted by the board.

23 3. The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District shall participate in the uniform group  
24 insurance program under the same terms and conditions as state agencies.

1       4. District health units required to participate in the public employees retirement system  
2           under section 54-52-02, which were participating in the uniform group insurance  
3           program at the time the Affordable Care Act was enacted, shall participate in the  
4           uniform group insurance program under the same terms and conditions as state  
5           agencies.

6       5. If eligible under federal law, a school district shall participate in the uniform group  
7           insurance program under the same terms and conditions as state agencies.

8       6. A retiree who has accepted a retirement allowance from a participating political  
9           subdivision's retirement plan may elect to participate in the uniform group under this  
10          chapter without meeting minimum requirements at age sixty-five, when the employee's  
11          spouse reaches age sixty-five, upon the receipt of a benefit, when the political  
12          subdivision joins the uniform group insurance plan if the retiree was a member of the  
13          former plan, or when the spouse terminates employment. If a retiree or surviving  
14          spouse does not elect to participate at the times specified in this ~~section~~subsection,  
15          the retiree or surviving spouse must meet the minimum requirements established by  
16          the board. Each retiree or surviving spouse shall pay directly to the board the  
17          premiums in effect for the coverage then being provided. The board may require  
18          documentation that the retiree has accepted a retirement allowance from an eligible  
19          retirement plan other than the public employees retirement system.

20       **SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 54-52.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21       created and enacted as follows:

22           The board shall pay to the proper carrier on a monthly basis the premium amount  
23           necessary for each eligible employee of each participating school district to receive  
24           coverage through the uniform group insurance program under subsection 5 of section  
25           54-52.1-03.1. The board may not charge the school district or the eligible employee for  
26           any portion of the premium amount.

27       **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT**

28       **SYSTEM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not  
29       otherwise appropriated, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,  
30       which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the public employees retirement

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- 1 system for the purpose of paying the premium amounts under section 2 of this Act, during the
- 2 biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029.

**NOTE:** This bill draft contains blanks that must be filled in before introduction.