

Introduced by

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a fixed-route transit grant program; and to provide an appropriation.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Fixed-route transit grant program - Distributions - Uses.**

- 7 1. Within the limits of the legislative biennial appropriation, the director shall distribute
8 fifty percent of the funding appropriated for the fixed-route transit grant program in
9 January of each even-numbered year and any remaining amounts in January of each
10 odd-numbered year. The distribution for each year is based on the following:
11 a. Fifteen percent must be distributed in equal amounts to each of the eligible cities.
12 b. The remaining eighty-five percent must be distributed to the eligible cities in
13 proportion to the population of the urbanized area associated with each eligible
14 city relative to the combined total population of all the urbanized areas associated
15 with eligible cities.
16 2. Funding distributed under this section may be used for operating expenses, capital
17 projects, contract costs, and other transit-related expenditures necessary to provide
18 fixed-route public transit services, including paratransit services.
19 3. For purposes of this section:
20 a. "Eligible city" means a city that operates fixed-route transit services, is located in
21 an urbanized area within the state, and has the largest population of the cities
22 located within its respective urbanized area.

1 **b.** "Urbanized area" means an area encompassing a population of not less than fifty
2 thousand people as defined and designated in the most recent decennial census
3 in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5302.

4 **c.** The director shall use the most recent federal decennial census data to
5 determine the population of each eligible city and each urban area.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - FIXED-ROUTE**

7 **TRANSIT GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
9 necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of providing grants under the
10 fixed-route transit grant program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30,
11 2029.