

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general;  
2 and to provide for a report.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
7 federal funds, to the attorney general for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the attorney  
8 general, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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11	Salaries and wages	\$0	\$53,007,980
12	Operating expenses	0	17,579,264
13	Capital assets	0	606,000
14	Grants	0	3,903,440
15	Human trafficking victims grants	0	1,110,614
16	Forensic nurse examiners grants	0	252,676
17	Litigation fees	0	127,500
18	Medical examinations	0	660,000
19	Children's forensic interviews	0	304,560
20	North Dakota lottery	0	5,413,453
21	Arrest and return of fugitives	0	8,500
22	Gaming commission	0	7,489
23	Criminal justice information sharing	0	4,579,950
24	Law enforcement	<u>0</u>	<u>3,377,659</u>

1	Total all funds	\$90,939,085	\$0	\$90,939,085
2	Less other funds	<u>41,914,820</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,914,820</u>
3	Total general fund	\$49,024,265	\$0	\$49,024,265
4	Full-time equivalent positions	266.00	0.00	266.00

5       **SECTION 2. HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM - REQUIREMENTS -**

6       **REPORTS.** The human trafficking victims grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes  
7       \$1,110,614 from the general fund for the purpose of providing grants to organizations involved  
8       in providing prevention and treatment services related to human trafficking victims and related  
9       administrative costs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The  
10       attorney general may provide grants for the development and implementation of direct care  
11       emergency or long-term crisis services, residential care, training for law enforcement, support of  
12       advocacy services, and programs promoting positive outcomes for victims. Any organization  
13       that receives a grant under this section shall report to the attorney general and the  
14       appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of the funds  
15       received and the outcomes of its programs. The attorney general shall report to the legislative  
16       management during the 2025-26 interim on the status and results of the grant program.

17       **SECTION 3. FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS GRANT PROGRAM - REPORTS.** The

18       forensic nurse examiners grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$252,676 from the  
19       general fund for the purpose of providing forensic nurse examiner program grants for  
20       community-based or hospital-based sexual assault examiner programs and related  
21       administrative costs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Any  
22       organization that receives a grant under this section shall report to the attorney general and the  
23       appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of the funds  
24       received and the outcomes of its programs. The attorney general shall report to the  
25       appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the number of nurses  
26       trained, the number and location of nurses providing services related to sexual assault nurse  
27       examiner programs, and documentation of collaborative efforts to assist victims which includes  
28       nurses, the hospital or clinic, law enforcement, and state's attorneys.