

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2004**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the ethics  
2 commission.

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, to the ethics commission for the purpose of defraying the  
7 expenses of the ethics commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
8 June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Ethics commission	\$1,041,374	\$308,563	\$1,349,937
12 New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>246,304</u>	<u>246,304</u>
13 Total general fund	\$1,041,374	\$554,867	\$1,596,241
14 Full-time equivalent positions	3.00	1.00	4.00

15 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**  
16 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
17 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's  
18 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations  
19 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
21 Case management system	\$50,000
22 Office furniture	2,348

1	New FTE position one-time costs	<u>5,484</u>
2	Total	\$57,832

3       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
4 ethics commission may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item  
5 in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds  
6 from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the ethics commission line item in accordance  
7 with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the  
8 sixty-ninth legislative assembly.