

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2004 - Ethics Commission - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
New and vacant FTE pool Ethics Commission	\$1,041,374	\$246,304 1,349,937	(\$236,369) 8,144	\$9,935 1,358,081	\$9,935 1,333,647	\$24,434
Total all funds	\$1,041,374	\$1,596,241	(\$228,225)	\$1,368,016	\$1,343,582	\$24,434
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	50,000	(50,000)
General fund	\$1,041,374	\$1,596,241	(\$228,225)	\$1,368,016	\$1,293,582	\$74,434
FTE	3.00	4.00	(1.00)	3.00	3.00	0.00

Department 195 - Ethics Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes Communication and Education FTE Position ¹	Adds Salary Workload Funding ²	Total Conference Committee Changes
New and vacant FTE pool Ethics Commission	(\$236,369) (16,290)	\$24,434	(\$236,369) 8,144
Total all funds	(\$252,659)	\$24,434	(\$228,225)
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	(\$252,659)	\$24,434	(\$228,225)
FTE	(1.00)	0.00	(1.00)

¹ A communication and education FTE position and related operating costs added by the Senate are removed, the same as provided by the House.

² Additional salary funding is added for workload increases for an operations administrator position. The Senate and House did not add funding for this purpose prior to the conference committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 2004 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action

This amendment also:

- Provides one-time funding of \$50,000 from the general fund to implement the case management system, the same as provided by the Senate. The House provided one-time funding of \$50,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to implement the case management system.
- Creates and amends various sections relating to immunity, affirmative defense, the informal resolution process, and other provisions relating to the Ethics Commission.
- Amends various sections to change all references of accused individual to respondent within North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-66.
- Creates a new section to require the Ethics Commission to prepare an annual report.
- Declares sections relating to immunity and affirmative defense to be an emergency measure.