

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2015**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 corrections and rehabilitation; to provide for a report; to provide for a legislative management  
3 study; and to provide an exemption.

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

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

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11			
12			
13	Adult services	\$265,998,440	\$161,089,699
14	Youth services	26,853,221	9,480,420
15	New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>15,246,375</u>
16	Total all funds	\$292,851,661	\$185,816,494
17	Less other funds	<u>45,744,746</u>	<u>108,434,000</u>
18	Total general fund	\$247,106,915	\$77,382,494
19	Full-time equivalent positions	929.79	51.00
			980.79

20 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**  
21 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
22 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's

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1 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations  
2 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

3 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
4 Heart River correctional center	\$36,742	\$35,635,000	\$35,671,742
5 Missouri River correctional center	121,136	8,032,757	8,153,893
6 temporary housing unit			
7 Payments to county and regional jails	17,500,000	0	17,500,000
8 Deferred maintenance and extraordinary	0	15,000,000	15,000,000
9 repairs			
10 New FTE costs	40,000	0	40,000
11 James River correctional center study	0	750,000	750,000
12 Missouri River correctional center planning	0	20,000,000	20,000,000
13 and design			
14 Software systems and technology	0	11,278,631	11,278,631
15 upgrades			
16 Equipment	0	2,079,700	2,079,700
17 Victims of crime grants	0	7,000,000	7,000,000
18 Mental health assessments and services	0	550,000	550,000
19 Rough rider industries equipment and	0	13,722,181	13,722,181
20 supplies			
21 Workforce training and education	0	1,027,500	1,027,500
22 James River correctional center	0	570,000	570,000
23 maintenance building demolition			
24 County and regional correctional centers	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
25 contracted operations			
26 Total	\$17,697,878	\$118,645,769	\$136,343,647

27 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
28 department of corrections and rehabilitation may not spend funds appropriated in the new and  
29 vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and  
30 budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the adult services and

1 youth services line items in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in  
2 House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

4 The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$102,356,197 from the  
5 strategic investment and improvements fund for one-time projects and programs as follows:

6 Heart River correctional center project	\$35,635,000
7 Missouri River correctional center temporary housing	8,032,757
8 Missouri River correctional center planning and design	20,000,000
9 James River correctional center facilities study	750,000
10 James River correctional center maintenance building demolition	570,000
11 County and regional correctional center contracted operations	3,000,000
12 Deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs	15,000,000
13 Software and technology upgrades	11,278,631
14 Equipment	1,089,809
15 Victims of crime grants	<u>7,000,000</u>
16 Total	\$102,356,197

17 **SECTION 5. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION OPERATING**

18 **FUND REVENUES.** Any moneys received by the department of corrections and rehabilitation  
19 from correctional supervision, electronic monitoring, and detention; reimbursements from other  
20 agencies; profits received from department of corrections and rehabilitation commissary;  
21 miscellaneous revenue, including offender fines, fees, restitution, and medical copayments; and  
22 from the youth correctional center permanent fund, may be deposited in the department of  
23 corrections and rehabilitation operating fund and expended pursuant to legislative appropriation  
24 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

25 **SECTION 6. MISSOURI RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTER PLANNING AND DESIGN -**

26 **REPORT.** The appropriation in the adult services line item in section 1 of this Act includes  
27 \$20,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for planning and design for a  
28 new six hundred bed minimum security male correctional facility for the Missouri River  
29 correctional center. The department of corrections and rehabilitation shall provide a quarterly  
30 report to the legislative management regarding the planning and design of a new minimum  
31 security facility.

1       **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

2       **AND REHABILITATION.** During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider  
3 studying the impacts of providing requirements for offenders sentenced to the supervision and  
4 custody of the department of corrections and rehabilitation. The study must include a thorough  
5 review of the impacts of requiring an offender to serve eighty-five percent of an offender's term  
6 of imprisonment in a secured facility, together with input from district court judges regarding  
7 sentencing decisions, state's attorneys regarding charging decisions, the department of  
8 corrections and rehabilitation regarding early release and use of transitional facilities to provide  
9 outside services to inmates, and the parole board regarding decisions to parole an inmate. The  
10 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
11 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

12       **SECTION 8. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following  
13 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into  
14 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 15       1. Any amounts remaining from funds transferred to the department of corrections and  
16 rehabilitation for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs from funding  
17 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the office of  
18 management and budget in section 1 of chapter 640 of the 2023 Special Session  
19 Session Laws.
- 20       2. Any amounts remaining from funds transferred to the department of corrections and  
21 rehabilitation for deferred maintenance and extraordinary repairs from funding  
22 appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund to the office  
23 of management and budget in subsection 10 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021  
24 Special Session Session Laws and continued pursuant to section 9 of chapter 15 of  
25 the 2023 Session Laws.
- 26       3. The sum of \$131,200,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and  
27 improvements fund for the construction of a new Heart River correctional center in  
28 section 1 of chapter 15 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 29       4. The sum of \$307,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
30 fund for DOCSTARS maintenance in section 1 of chapter 15 of the 2023 Session  
31 Laws.

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- 1           5.    The sum of \$2,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements
- 2                    fund for information technology needs in section 1 of chapter 15 of the 2023 Session
- 3                    Laws.