

January 28, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2022

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on
2 legal counsel for indigents; and to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-44.3-20 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to categories of positions in the state service.

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 commission on legal counsel for indigents for the purpose of defraying the
9 expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents, for the biennium beginning July 1,
10 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
13 Commission on legal counsel	\$23,022,372	\$0	\$23,022,372
14 —for indigents			
15 Total all funds	\$23,022,372	\$0	\$23,022,372
16 Less other funds	2,023,067	0	2,023,067
17 Total general fund	\$20,999,305	\$0	\$20,999,305
18 Full-time equivalent positions	41.00	0.00	41.00
19 <u>Commission on legal counsel</u>	<u>\$23,022,372</u>	<u>\$2,766,753</u>	<u>\$25,789,125</u>

1	<u>for indigents</u>			
2	<u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	0	554,757	554,757
3	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$23,022,372</u>	<u>\$3,321,510</u>	<u>\$26,343,882</u>
4	<u>Less other funds</u>	2,023,067	26,149	2,049,216
5	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$20,999,305</u>	<u>\$3,295,361</u>	<u>\$24,294,666</u>
6	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	41.00	2.00	43.00

7 **SECTION 2. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
8 commission on legal counsel for indigents may not spend funds appropriated in the new and
9 vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and
10 budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the commission on legal
11 counsel for indigents line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions
12 included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

13 **SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 54-44.3-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 created and enacted as follows:

15 Attorneys employed by the commission on legal counsel for indigents.