

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1442**

Introduced by

Representatives Toman, Lefor, Weisz, Vigesaa

Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a legislative committee on government efficiency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Legislative committee on government efficiency - Members - Duties - Report to the**  
7 **legislative management.**

- 8 1. The legislative management, during each biennium, shall appoint a legislative  
9 committee on government efficiency.
- 10 2. The membership of the committee must consist of at least one member from each  
11 standing committee of the house of representatives and the senate, who served during  
12 the most recently completed regular session of the legislative assembly. The  
13 legislative management shall designate the chairman and appoint all members of the  
14 committee consistent with this subsection.
- 15 3. The committee shall meet monthly and operate according to the statutes and  
16 procedure governing the operation of other legislative management interim  
17 committees.
- 18 4. The committee shall:
- 19 a. Review and analyze budgets and reports from executive branch agencies,  
20 boards, and commissions and the supreme court.
- 21 b. Collaborate with and receive testimony from executive branch agencies, boards,  
22 and commissions and the supreme court to identify areas to increase efficiency,  
23 methods to implement cost-saving measures, determine areas of state  
24 government deemed unnecessary or duplicative, target outdated or overly

- 1                   restrictive regulations, and find areas in which partnerships between the state  
2                   and private industry would create innovative financing models to drive economic  
3                   growth and job creation.
- 4                   c. Review the effectiveness and necessity of programs and laws created by the  
5                   legislative assembly through previous legislative enactments.
- 6                   d. Submit an annual report to the legislative management detailing its findings and  
7                   progress in implementing cost-saving measures and efficiencies along with any  
8                   recommended legislation for introduction at the next legislative session.