

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### 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~~task force on government  
3 efficiency; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

7 **Legislative ~~committee~~task force on government efficiency - Members - Duties -**  
8 **Report to the legislative management.**

9 1. The legislative management, ~~during each biennium,~~ shall ~~appoint~~create a legislative  
10 ~~committee~~task force on government efficiency.

11 2. Each member of the task force shall serve two-year terms. The membership of the  
12 ~~committee must consist of at least one member from each standing committee of the~~  
13 ~~house of representatives and the senate, who served during the most recently~~  
14 ~~completed regular session of the legislative assembly. The legislative management~~  
15 ~~shall designate the chairman and appoint all members of the committee consistent~~  
16 ~~with this subsection~~task force consists of:

17 a. The chief information officer;

18 b. The director of the office of management and budget;

19 c. The chief operating officer for the office of the governor;

20 d. One elected statewide officer, appointed by the governor;

- 1 e. One member of the legislative assembly, appointed by the governor;  
2 f. Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the majority leader  
3 of the house of representatives; and  
4 g. Two members of the senate, appointed by the majority leader of the senate.
- 5 ~~3. The committee shall meet monthly and operate according to the statutes and~~  
6 ~~procedure governing the operation of other legislative management interim~~  
7 ~~committees~~ The member of the legislative assembly appointed by the governor shall  
8 serve as chairman of the task force.
- 9 4. ~~The committee~~ task force shall:
- 10 a. Meet at least once each calendar quarter or more frequently at the call of the  
11 chairman.
- 12 b. Review and analyze budgets and reports from executive branch agencies,  
13 boards, and commissions, and the supreme court.
- 14 ~~b.c.~~ Collaborate with and receive testimony from executive branch agencies, boards,  
15 and commissions, and the supreme court to identify areas to increase efficiency,  
16 methods to implement cost-saving measures, determine areas of state  
17 government deemed unnecessary or duplicative, target outdated or overly  
18 restrictive regulations, and find areas in which partnerships between the state  
19 and private industry would create innovative financing models to drive economic  
20 growth and job creation.
- 21 ~~e.d.~~ Review the effectiveness and necessity of programs and laws created by the  
22 legislative assembly through previous legislative enactments.
- 23 ~~d.e.~~ Request the state auditor or an independent private auditing firm to conduct  
24 program evaluations using generally accepted performance audit standards for  
25 state and local governments.
- 26 f. Submit an annual report to the legislative management detailing its findings and  
27 progress in implementing cost-saving measures and efficiencies along with any  
28 recommended legislation for introduction at the next legislative session.
- 29 5. A state employee who is a member of the task force is entitled to receive that  
30 employee's regular salary and is entitled to reimbursement for mileage and expenses  
31 to be paid by the employing agency. A member of the task force who is a member of

1           the legislative assembly is entitled to receive per diem compensation at the rate  
2           provided under section 54-35-10 for each day performing official duties of the task  
3           force. The legislative council shall pay the per diem compensation and reimbursement  
4           for travel and expenses as provided by law for any member of the task force who is a  
5           member of the legislative assembly.  
6           6. The legislative council shall provide staffing and administrative services for the task  
7           force through July 31, 2031.

8           **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2031, and after that  
9           date is ineffective.

10           **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.