

HOUSE BILL NO. 1532

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Bahl, Christianson, Motschenbacher, O'Brien, D. Johnston, Dockter,
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Senator Barta

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the legislative assembly for hiring temporary
2 legislative assistants; to provide for an analysis of capitol office space; and to provide for a
3 report to the legislative management.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - TEMPORARY**

6 **LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,300,000, or so much of the sum as
8 may be necessary, to the legislative assembly for the purpose defraying the expenses of each
9 legislator hiring a temporary legislative assistant during legislative sessions, for the biennium
10 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

11 **SECTION 2. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET OFFICE SPACE ANALYSIS -**

12 **REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The director of the office of management and
13 budget shall perform an analysis of office space in the capitol. The director shall determine
14 which state agencies in the capitol and the judicial wing of the capitol occupy excess space due
15 to the movement over the last five years toward hybrid and remote work arrangements. The
16 director shall prepare recommendations for the consolidation of executive branch agency office
17 space and provide hoteling options to reduce the office space needs of agencies and for the
18 reduction of the amount of space used for meeting rooms and conference rooms that could be
19 consolidated. The director also shall provide recommendations for the location of workspace for
20 temporary legislative assistants authorized under section 1 of this Act. The director shall provide
21 the recommendations to the legislative management by August 15, 2026.