Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1599

Introduced by

Representatives O'Brien, Dockter, Martinson, Mitskog, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Roers

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-06-14.7 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to shared leave for state employees.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-06-14.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is
amended and reenacted as follows:

## 54-06-14.7. State leave sharing program - Rulemaking. (Retroactive application See note)

- 1. The human resource management services division of the office of management and budget shall establish a state leave sharing program for permanent employees of the state. The program must provide for a mechanism for state employees to donate accrued annual and sick leave to an employee who does not have available leave who is pregnant or suffering from a severe, extreme, or life-threatening condition, or who is caring for an immediate relative or household member who is suffering from a severe, extreme, or life-threatening condition.
- A temporary employee or contracted employee with a limited-term appointment is not
   eligible to participate in the leave sharing program. An employee may not use more
   than four months donated leave in any twelve-month period and an employee may not
   retain leave beyond the occurrence necessitating the leave.
- 19 3. The human resource management services division shall:
- a. Require medical certification from a physician, physician assistant, psychologist,
  or advanced practice nurse practitioner verifying the severe, extreme, or
- 22 life-threatening nature of the medical condition and the expected duration of the23 condition;

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- 1 b. Track the amount of leave taken by permanent state employees under the
- 2 program; and
- 3 c. Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 28-32 to implement this section.