

Introduced by

State and Local Government Committee

(At the request of the Information Technology Department)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-59-32 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to executive steering committees of major information technology projects.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-59-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-59-32. Major information technology projects - Appointment of executive steering**
7 **committees.**

- 8 1. An executive branch state agency, excluding institutions under the control of the state
9 board of higher education, proposing to conduct a major information technology
10 project as described in subsection 10 of section 54-35-15.2, the department, and the
11 office of management and budget, in consultation with the attorney general, shall
12 collaborate on the procurement, contract negotiation, and contract administration of
13 the project. The agency, the department, and the office of management and budget, in
14 consultation with the attorney general, shall approve the solicitation, contract, or
15 agreement, and any amendments relating to the project before submission to the
16 executive steering committee as provided in subsection 3.
- 17 2. The procurement officer and primary project manager for a major information
18 technology project must meet the qualifications established by the department and the
19 office of management and budget.
- 20 3. An executive steering committee must be appointed to oversee each major
21 information technology project. The agency project sponsor shall serve as chairman of
22 the committee. The executive steering committee must consist of the director of the
23 office of management and budget or a designee of the director, the chief information
24 officer or a designee of the officer, a representative appointed by the chief information

- 1 officer, the head of the agency contracting for the project or a designee, a
2 representative appointed by the head of the agency contracting for the project, the
3 project sponsor, and a large project oversight analyst designated by the chief
4 information officer. The executive steering committee shall monitor the overall status of
5 the project and review project decisions, including negotiation and execution of
6 contracts, approval of project budgets, implementation of project schedules,
7 assessment of project quality, and consideration of scope changes. Any project
8 decision declared by a member of the committee to be a major project decision
9 requires at least four affirmative votes.
- 10 4. An agreement or contract, including an amendment, revision, or scope change, for a
11 major information technology project may not be entered unless signed by the head of
12 the contracting agency or a designee and the chief information officer or a designee of
13 the officer.