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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general;
2 ~~and to amend and reenact sections 54-12-11 and 54-27-25 of the North Dakota Century Code.~~
3 ~~relating to the salary of the attorney general and uses of the tobacco settlement trust fund;~~ to
4 provide for a report; ~~to provide for a transfer; to provide an exemption; and to declare an~~
5 ~~emergency.~~

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

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
8 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
10 federal funds, to the attorney general for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the attorney
11 general, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
14 Salaries and wages	\$53,007,980	\$0	\$53,007,980
15 Operating expenses	17,579,264	0	17,579,264
16 Capital assets	606,000	0	606,000
17 Grants	3,903,440	0	3,903,440
18 Human trafficking victims grants	1,110,614	0	1,110,614
19 Forensic nurse examiners grants	252,676	0	252,676

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1	Litigation fees	127,500	0	127,500
2	Medical examinations	660,000	0	660,000
3	Children's forensic interviews	304,560	0	304,560
4	North Dakota lottery	5,413,453	0	5,413,453
5	Arrest and return of fugitives	8,500	0	8,500
6	Gaming commission	7,489	0	7,489
7	Criminal justice information sharing	4,579,950	0	4,579,950
8	Law enforcement	3,377,659	0	3,377,659
9	Total all funds	\$90,939,085	\$0	\$90,939,085
10	Less other funds	41,914,820	0	41,914,820
11	Total general fund	\$49,024,265	\$0	\$49,024,265
12	Full-time equivalent positions	266.00	0.00	266.00
13	Salaries and wages	\$53,007,980	\$8,810,074	\$61,818,054
14	New and vacant FTE pool	0	4,455,869	4,455,869
15	Operating expenses	17,579,264	924,250	18,503,514
16	Prosecution witness fees	0	95,056	95,056
17	Capital assets	606,000	1,089,000	1,695,000
18	Grants	3,903,440	110,000	4,013,440
19	Human trafficking victims grants	1,110,614	656,900	1,767,514
20	Forensic nurse examiners grants	252,676	1,568	254,244
21	Statewide litigation funding pool	0	8,000,000	8,000,000
22	Litigation fees	127,500	0	127,500
23	Medical examinations	660,000	0	660,000
24	Children's forensic interviews	304,560	0	304,560
25	North Dakota lottery	5,413,453	167,152	5,580,605
26	Arrest and return of fugitives	8,500	0	8,500
27	Gaming commission	7,489	0	7,489
28	Criminal justice information sharing	4,579,950	2,749,467	7,329,417
29	Law enforcement	3,377,659	289,999	3,667,658
30	Total all funds	\$90,939,085	\$27,349,335	\$118,288,420
31	Less other funds	41,914,820	13,563,444	55,478,264

1	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$49,024,265</u>	<u>\$13,785,891</u>	<u>\$62,810,156</u>
2	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>266.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>270.00</u>

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

8	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	Operating and litigation expenses	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
10	Laboratory equipment and supplies	400,000	554,000	954,000
11	Network switches	32,000	0	32,000
12	Undercover vehicles	0	540,000	540,000
13	Portable handheld radios	0	105,000	105,000
14	Intoxilyzers	0	188,000	188,000
15	Retired law enforcement dogs program	110,000	0	110,000
16	Human trafficking victims grants	650,000	0	650,000
17	Statewide litigation funding pool	0	8,000,000	8,000,000
18	Jail management system replacement	650,000	0	650,000
19	Statewide automated victim identification	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
20	notification system replacement			
21	Total	\$1,842,000	\$12,887,000	\$14,729,000

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.

The attorney general may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORT.

In addition to the amounts appropriated to the attorney general in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated from federal or special funds, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the office, for the biennium

1 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The attorney general shall notify the office of
2 management and budget and the legislative council of any funding made available pursuant to
3 this section.

4 **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - CHARITABLE GAMING OPERATING FUND TO ATTORNEY**
5 **GENERAL OPERATING FUND.** Notwithstanding section 53-06.1-11.2, the office of
6 management and budget shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the charitable gaming operating fund to
7 the attorney general operating fund by June 30, 2025, for the purpose of defraying operating
8 and litigation expenses of the state during the period beginning with the effective date of this
9 Act, and ending June 30, 2027.

10 **SECTION 6. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND**
11 **TRANSFER - STATEWIDE LITIGATION FUNDING POOL TO STATE AGENCIES.** The other
12 funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$10,466,000 from the strategic
13 investment and improvements fund, of which \$321,000 is for state crime laboratory equipment
14 and supplies, \$540,000 is for the replacement of bureau of criminal investigation undercover
15 vehicles, \$105,000 is for portable handheld dual-band radios, \$8,000,000 is for the statewide
16 litigation funding pool, and \$1,500,000 is for the replacement of the statewide automated victim
17 identification notification system. The attorney general shall transfer funding from the statewide
18 litigation funding pool to eligible state agencies for litigation expenses during the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The attorney general may not use funding
20 from the statewide litigation funding pool to pay judgments under section 32-12-04.

21 **SECTION 7. HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS GRANT PROGRAM - REQUIREMENTS -**
22 **REPORTS.** The human trafficking victims grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes
23 ~~\$1,110,614~~ \$1,767,514 from the general fund for the purpose of providing grants to
24 organizations involved in providing prevention and treatment services related to human
25 trafficking victims and related administrative costs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
26 ending June 30, 2027. The attorney general may provide grants for the development and
27 implementation of direct care emergency or long-term crisis services, residential care, training
28 for law enforcement, support of advocacy services, and programs promoting positive outcomes
29 for victims. Any organization that receives a grant under this section shall report to the attorney
30 general and the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of
31 the funds received and the outcomes of its programs. The attorney general shall report to the

1 legislative management during the 2025-26 interim on the status and results of the grant
2 program.

3 **SECTION 8. FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS GRANT PROGRAM - REPORTS.** The
4 forensic nurse examiners grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$252,676~~\$254,244
5 from the general fund for the purpose of providing forensic nurse examiner program grants for
6 community-based or hospital-based sexual assault examiner programs and related
7 administrative costs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Any
8 organization that receives a grant under this section shall report to the attorney general and the
9 appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of the funds
10 received and the outcomes of its programs. The attorney general shall report to the
11 appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the number of nurses
12 trained, the number and location of nurses providing services related to sexual assault nurse
13 examiner programs, and documentation of collaborative efforts to assist victims which includes
14 nurses, the hospital or clinic, law enforcement, and state's attorneys.

15 **SECTION 9. RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS PROGRAM - REIMBURSEMENT.**
16 The grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$110,000 for a retired law enforcement
17 dogs program, which the attorney general shall create to assist local and state law enforcement
18 dogs that are retired by reason of age or medical condition. The attorney general shall
19 reimburse the handler of a law enforcement dog if the handler is authorized to retain possession
20 of a retired law enforcement dog in a private setting at the handler's home and if the handler
21 submits itemized receipts each quarter for medical bills of the law enforcement dog.
22 Reimbursements made under the program may not exceed \$2,000 per retired law enforcement
23 dog per fiscal year. The attorney general shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this
24 section.

25 **SECTION 10. OTHER FUNDS - TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND.** The salaries
26 and wages line item and operating expenses line item in section 1 of this Act include the sum of
27 \$239,716 from the tobacco settlement trust fund for a tobacco compliance auditor position to
28 enforce the master settlement agreement and any disputes with the agreement.

29 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **54-12-11. Salary of attorney general.**

2 The annual salary of the attorney general is ~~one hundred seventy nine thousand three~~
3 ~~hundred twelve~~ one hundred ninety-two thousand seventy nine dollars through June 30,
4 ~~2024~~ 2026, and ~~one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred eighty-four~~ one hundred
5 ninety-seven thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars thereafter.

6 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-27-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **54-27-25. Tobacco settlement trust fund - Interest on fund - Uses.**

9 There is created in the state treasury a tobacco settlement trust fund. The fund consists of
10 the tobacco settlement dollars obtained by the state under subsection IX(c)(1) of the master
11 settlement agreement and consent agreement adopted by the east central judicial district court
12 in its judgment entered December 28, 1998 [Civil No. 98-3778] in State of North Dakota, ex rel.
13 Heidi Heitkamp v. Philip Morris, Inc. Moneys received by the state under subsection IX(c)(1)
14 must be deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund may be appropriated to the attorney general
15 for the purpose of enforcing the master settlement agreement and any disputes with the
16 agreement and any remaining moneys in the fund must be transferred within thirty days of
17 receipt by the state to a community health trust fund. Moneys in the fund may be appropriated
18 for community-based public health programs and other public health programs, including
19 programs with emphasis on preventing or reducing tobacco usage in this state.

20 **SECTION 13. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS - FEES.** Any individual or entity
21 requesting a criminal history record check from the bureau of criminal investigation, as a result
22 of legislation enacted by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, shall pay a reasonable fee
23 established by the attorney general to the attorney general to be deposited in the general fund,
24 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

25 **SECTION 14. EXEMPTION - CONTINGENT FEE ARRANGEMENT.** Notwithstanding
26 section 54-12-08.1, the attorney general may contract for legal services compensated by a
27 contingent fee arrangement for ongoing multistate technology litigation during the biennium
28 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

29 **SECTION 15. EXEMPTION - ATTORNEY GENERAL REFUND FUND.** Notwithstanding
30 section 54-12-18, the attorney general may retain the balance in the attorney general refund
31 fund which would otherwise be transferred to the general fund on June 30, 2025.

1 **SECTION 16. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following
2 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into
3 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 4 1. The amount appropriated to the attorney general from other funds for the statewide
5 automated victim identification and notification system as contained in sections 1
6 and 8 of chapter 3 of the 2017 Session Laws, continued into the 2019-21 biennium for
7 the statewide automated victim identification and notification system, and continued
8 into the 2021-23 biennium and 2023-25 biennium for the legal case management
9 system in section 17 of chapter 35 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 10 2. The sum of \$400,000 appropriated from the attorney general refund fund for the
11 criminal history improvement project in section 1 of chapter 3 of the 2021 Session
12 Laws, and continued into the 2023-25 biennium section 18 of chapter 35 of the 2023
13 Session Laws.
- 14 3. The sum of \$1,000,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for the
15 replacement of the prosecuting case management system in subsection 20 of
16 section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into
17 the 2023-25 biennium in section 21 of chapter 35 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 18 4. The sum of \$736,000 appropriated from the charitable gaming operating fund for the
19 charitable gaming technology system in section 1 of chapter 35 of the 2023 Session
20 Laws.
- 21 5. The sum of \$177,000 appropriated from the general fund for a licensing and deposit
22 software system in section 1 of chapter 35 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 23 6. The sum of \$1,772,038 appropriated from federal funds for the justice community
24 oriented policing services anti-methamphetamine program in section 1 of chapter 35 of
25 the 2023 Session Laws.

26 **SECTION 17. EMERGENCY.** Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency
27 measure.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1003 - Attorney General - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$53,007,980	\$8,810,074	\$61,818,054
New and vacant FTE pool		4,455,869	4,455,869
Operating expenses	17,579,264	924,250	18,503,514
Prosecution witness fees		95,056	95,056
Capital assets	606,000	1,089,000	1,695,000
Grants	3,903,440	110,000	4,013,440
Litigation fees	127,500		127,500
Human trafficking victims grants	1,110,614	656,900	1,767,514
Forensic nurse examiners grants	252,676	1,568	254,244
Statewide litigation funding pool		8,000,000	8,000,000
Medical examinations	660,000		660,000
Children's forensic interviews	304,560		304,560
North Dakota Lottery	5,413,453	167,152	5,580,605
Arrest and return of fugitives	8,500		8,500
Gaming Commission	7,489		7,489
Criminal justice information sharing	4,579,950	2,749,467	7,329,417
Law enforcement	3,377,659	289,999	3,667,658
Additional income		250,000	250,000
Total all funds	\$90,939,085	\$27,599,335	\$118,538,420
Less estimated income	41,914,820	13,813,444	55,728,264
General fund	\$49,024,265	\$13,785,891	\$62,810,156
FTE	266.00	4.00	270.00

Department 125 - Attorney General - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for the Cost to Continue Salaries¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Adds Funding for FTE Positions³	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 new and Vacant FTE Pool⁴	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool⁵	Adjusts Funding from Other Funds to the General Fund⁶
Salaries and wages	\$1,460,327	\$3,643,138	\$851,254	\$8,411,787	(\$5,556,432)	
New and vacant FTE pool					4,455,869	
Operating expenses			146,590			
Prosecution witness fees						
Capital assets						
Grants						
Litigation fees						
Human trafficking victims grants	685	6,980		7,814	(8,579)	
Forensic nurse examiners grants	162	1,677		1,788	(2,059)	
Statewide litigation funding pool						
Medical examinations						
Children's forensic interviews						
North Dakota Lottery	54,627	150,725		150,552	(190,746)	
Arrest and return of fugitives						
Gaming Commission						
Criminal justice information sharing	26,982	78,293		76,802	(100,432)	
Law enforcement	142,094	209,311		211,231	(272,637)	
Additional income						
Total all funds	\$1,684,877	\$4,090,124	\$997,844	\$8,859,974	(\$1,675,016)	\$0
Less estimated income	664,389	1,454,317	527,193	2,157,983	(597,771)	(2,744,134)
General fund	\$1,020,488	\$2,635,807	\$470,651	\$6,701,991	(\$1,077,245)	\$2,744,134
FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adjusts Base Level Funding ⁷	Adds Funding from Gaming Tax Revenues ⁸	Adds One-Time Funding for Operating and Capital Assets ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for a Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Human Trafficking Victims Grants ¹¹	Adds One-Time Funding for the Statewide Litigation Funding Pool ¹²
Salaries and wages						
New and vacant FTE pool						
Operating expenses	(\$1,622,340)	\$2,000,000	\$400,000			
Prosecution witness fees	95,056					
Capital assets	(330,000)		1,419,000			
Grants				\$110,000		
Litigation fees						
Human trafficking victims grants					\$650,000	
Forensic nurse examiners grants						
Statewide litigation funding pool						\$8,000,000
Medical examinations						
Children's forensic interviews						
North Dakota Lottery	1,994					
Arrest and return of fugitives						
Gaming Commission						
Criminal justice information sharing	517,822					
Law enforcement						
Additional income						
Total all funds	(\$1,337,468)	\$2,000,000	\$1,819,000	\$110,000	\$650,000	\$8,000,000
Less estimated income	(785,533)	2,000,000	1,387,000	0	0	8,000,000
General fund	(\$551,935)	\$0	\$432,000	\$110,000	\$650,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for CJIS IT Replacement Projects ¹³	Adds One-Time Funding for Additional Income ¹⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages			\$8,810,074
New and vacant FTE pool			4,455,869
Operating expenses			924,250
Prosecution witness fees			95,056
Capital assets			1,089,000
Grants			110,000
Litigation fees			
Human trafficking victims grants			656,900
Forensic nurse examiners grants			1,568
Statewide litigation funding pool			8,000,000
Medical examinations			
Children's forensic interviews			
North Dakota Lottery			167,152
Arrest and return of fugitives			
Gaming Commission			
Criminal justice information sharing	\$2,150,000		2,749,467
Law enforcement			289,999
Additional income		\$250,000	250,000
Total all funds	\$2,150,000	\$250,000	\$27,599,335
Less estimated income	1,500,000	250,000	13,813,444
General fund	\$650,000	\$0	\$13,785,891
FTE	0.00	0.00	4.00

¹ Funding is added for cost to continue 2023-25 biennium salary increases.

² The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$1,644,886	\$883,866	\$2,528,752
Health insurance increase	<u>990,921</u>	<u>570,451</u>	<u>1,561,372</u>
Total	\$2,635,807	\$1,454,317	\$4,090,124

³ The following FTE positions and related salaries and wages and operating expenses are added as follows:

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
State Crime Laboratory evidence technician	1.00	\$189,393	\$0	\$189,393
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit attorney	1.00	85,826	257,477	343,303
Executive staff officer	1.00	195,432	0	195,432
Tobacco compliance auditor	1.00	0	239,716	239,716
Reclassification of a paralegal position to an attorney position	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	4.00	\$470,651	\$527,193	\$997,844

⁴ Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	\$4,066,038	\$536,813	\$4,602,851
Vacant FTE positions	<u>2,635,953</u>	<u>1,621,170</u>	<u>4,257,123</u>
Total	\$6,701,991	\$2,157,983	\$8,859,974

⁵ Funding of \$6,347,160 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$4,650,517 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	(\$403,125)	(\$418,128)	(\$821,253)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(3,456,437)</u>	<u>(1,853,195)</u>	<u>(5,309,632)</u>
Total	(\$3,859,562)	(\$2,271,323)	(\$6,130,885)
Funding pool line item	<u>2,782,317</u>	<u>1,673,552</u>	<u>4,455,869</u>
Net savings	(\$1,077,245)	(\$597,771)	(\$1,675,016)

⁶ Funding of \$2,744,134 is transferred from the Attorney General refund fund to the general fund, including \$1,790,559 for prior biennium salary equity increases and \$953,575 for operating expenses.

⁷ Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$1,531,995)	(\$806,359)	(\$2,338,354)
Adds funding for State Crime Laboratory equipment and maintenance	192,000	0	192,000
Adds funding for software hosting and maintenance and other information technology costs	1,118,060	20,826	1,138,886
Transfers \$95,056 from the general fund for prosecution witness fees from the operating expenses line item to a new line item	0	0	0
Removes funding for bond payments related to the State Crime Laboratory	<u>(330,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(330,000)</u>
Total	(\$551,935)	(\$785,533)	(\$1,337,468)

⁸ Funding of \$2,000,000 is added for operating expenses. A section is added to the bill to provide for a transfer of \$2,000,000 from the charitable gaming operating fund to the Attorney General operating fund rather than being transferred to the general fund at the end of the 2023-25 biennium. An emergency clause is added to provide for the transfer before the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

⁹ One-time funding of \$1,819,000 is added for operating expenses and capital assets, as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
State Crime Laboratory equipment and supplies, including \$233,000 from federal funds and \$321,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF)	\$400,000	\$554,000	\$954,000
Information technology network switches	32,000	0	32,000
Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) undercover vehicles (SIIF)	0	540,000	540,000
Portable handheld dual-band radios (SIIF)	0	105,000	105,000
Intoxilyzers (federal funds)	<u>0</u>	<u>188,000</u>	<u>188,000</u>
Total	\$432,000	\$1,387,000	\$1,819,000

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$110,000 is added from the general fund for a retired law enforcement dogs program. A section is added to the bill to provide for program requirements.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$650,000 is added from the general fund for human trafficking victims grants to provide a total of \$1.77 million from the general fund.

¹² One-time funding of \$8 million is added from SIIF for the statewide litigation funding pool.

¹³ One-time funding of \$2,150,000 is added for criminal justice information sharing information technology projects, including \$650,000 from the general fund to replace the jail management system and \$1,500,000 from SIIF to replace the statewide automated victim identification notification (SAVIN) system.

¹⁴ One-time funding of \$250,000 is added from federal funds or special funds received during the 2025-27 biennium, the same amount provided for since the 2017-19 biennium. This amount is appropriated in a separate section of the bill.

House Bill No. 1003 - Other Changes - House Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Adds a section to appropriate one-time funding of \$250,000 from federal or special funds to the Attorney General that is in excess of the amount appropriated in Section 1.
- Adds a section to transfer \$2,000,000 of gaming tax revenues from the charitable gaming operating fund to the Attorney General operating fund for operating expenses, including litigation expenses, and identifies \$2,000,000 appropriated in Section 1 in the operating expenses line item. This section will result in a \$2,000,000 reduction in general fund revenue.
- Adds a section to identify \$10,466,000 from SIIF for State Crime Laboratory equipment and supplies (\$321,000), replacement of BCI undercover vehicles (\$540,000), portable handheld dualband radios (\$105,000), statewide litigation funding pool (\$8,000,000), and replacement of the statewide automated victim identification notification system (\$1,500,000). The Attorney General is required to transfer funding from the statewide litigation funding pool to eligible state agencies for litigation expenses during the 202527 biennium.
- Amends a section regarding the amount of funding appropriated in Section 1 for human trafficking victims grants.
- Amends a section regarding the amount of funding appropriated in Section 1 for forensic nurse examiner grants.
- Adds a section to identify \$110,000 appropriated from the general fund in Section 1 is for the purpose of establishing a retired law enforcement dogs program to assist local and state law enforcement dogs that are retired by reason of age or medical condition. The maximum reimbursement under this program is \$2,000 for each retired law enforcement dog each year.
- Adds a section to identify \$239,716 appropriated from the tobacco settlement trust fund for the purpose of enforcing the master settlement agreement and any related disputes.
- Adds a section to amend North Dakota Century Code Section 54-12-11 to increase the salary of the Attorney General from \$186,484 to \$192,079 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2025, and \$197,841 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2026.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-27-25 to allow the Attorney General to use funding in the tobacco settlement trust fund for enforcing the master settlement agreement and any disputes with the agreement.
- Adds a section to require any person or entity requesting a criminal record check from BCI to pay a reasonable fee as determined by the Attorney General. The funding must be deposited in the general fund during the 2025-27 biennium.
- Adds a section authorizing an exemption providing, notwithstanding Section 54-12-08.1, the Attorney General may contract for legal services that are compensated by a contingent fee arrangement, relating to

ongoing multistate technology litigation, during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2027.

- Adds a section authorizing an exemption to allow the Attorney General to retain the balance in the Attorney General refund fund at the end of the 2023-25 biennium to be used during the 2025-27 biennium, rather than transferring the balance to the general fund.
- Adds a section authorizing 6 exemptions to allow the Attorney General to continue any remaining funding from prior biennium appropriations for the legal case management system, criminal history improvement project, federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund projects, charitable gaming technology system, licensing and deposit system, and anti-methamphetamine program, into the 2025-27 biennium.