

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2018**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 commerce; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century  
3 Code, relating to department of commerce grant reporting requirements; and to provide a  
4 transfer.

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

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

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
14 Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$0	\$15,785,306
15 Operating expenses	19,462,643	0	19,462,643
16 Grants	47,636,118	0	47,636,118
17 Discretionary funds	2,150,000	0	2,150,000
18 Partner programs	907,920	0	907,920
19 Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	<u>948,467</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>948,467</u>
20 Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$0	\$86,890,454

1	Less other funds	<u>53,344,371</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,344,371</u>
2	Total general fund	\$33,546,083	\$0	\$33,546,083
3	Full-time equivalent positions	62.80	0.00	62.80

4       **SECTION 2. TRANSFER - INTERNSHIP FUND.** The office of management and budget  
5 shall transfer \$1,006,896 of the amount appropriated in the operating expenses line item in  
6 section 1 of this Act to the internship fund for the purpose of administering the operation intern  
7 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

8       **SECTION 3. RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT PROGRAM - MATCHING FUNDS**  
9 **REQUIREMENT.** The grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$444,000 from the  
10 general fund for providing matching funds to an organization assisting in the recruitment,  
11 distribution, and supply, and enhancing the quality and efficiency of personnel providing health  
12 services in rural areas of the state. The department of commerce may spend the funds  
13 appropriated in this section only to the extent the organization has secured matching funds from  
14 nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

15       **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
16 and enacted as follows:

17       **Reporting requirements - Grant programs.**

18       The department shall compile a report regarding all grant programs administered by the  
19 department to be provided quarterly to the budget section. The report must include the following  
20 for each grant program:

21       1. The purpose of the grant program;

22       2. Funding history;

23       3. The number of days the grant application period was open to applicants;

24       4. The name of each grant recipient and the amount of each grant award; and

25       5. The distribution date of grant funds or the anticipated distribution date of grant funds.