

**Legislative Council  
Budget No. 160  
House Bill No. 1001**

|  | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>        |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2019-21 legislative appropriations</b>      | <b>36.00</b>         | <b>\$13,045,074</b> | <b>\$70,000</b>    | <b>\$13,115,074</b> |
| 2019-21 base budget                            | 36.00                | 11,891,138          | 70,000             | 11,961,138          |
| Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget | 0.00                 | \$1,153,936         | \$0                | \$1,153,936         |

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

|   | <b>Ongoing<br/>General Fund<br/>Appropriation</b> | <b>One-Time<br/>General Fund<br/>Appropriation</b> | <b>Total<br/>General Fund<br/>Appropriation</b> |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b>2019-21 legislative appropriations</b>                         | <b>\$12,890,318</b>                               | <b>\$154,756</b>                                   | <b>\$13,045,074</b>                             |
| 2017-19 legislative appropriations                                | 11,891,138  | 0  | 11,891,138                                      |
| 2019-21 legislative increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations | \$999,180   | \$154,756  | \$1,153,936                                     |
| Percentage increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations          | 8.4%  | N/A  | 9.7%  |

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS  
Changes to Base Budget**

|   | <b>FTE Positions</b> | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>Other Funds</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| The legislative action:   |                      |                     |                    |              |
| Adjusted funding for base payroll changes.  |                      | \$39,069            |                    | \$39,069     |
| Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. |                      | 235,141             |                    | 235,141      |
| Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,426.74 per month.   |                      | 156,172             |                    | 156,172      |
| Added funding for 2019-21 biennium legislative compensation adjustments of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020, for legislators' attendance at interim meetings.             |                      | 21,817              |                    | 21,817       |
| Restored funding for one of two unfunded administrative positions.  |                      | 125,579             |                    | 125,579      |
| Reduced funding for overtime salaries.  |                      | (5,091)             |                    | (5,091)      |
| Added funding for a session retention program.  |                      | 333,512             |                    | 333,512      |

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| Decreased funding to continue reduced committee sizes during the 2019-21 biennium, including per diem (\$20,200) and travel (\$39,257).                          | (59,457) | (59,457)    |
| Added funding for other meetings and out-of-state travel to restore 2017-19 biennium 10 percent reductions, including per diem (\$30,188) and travel (\$81,860). | 112,048  | 112,048     |
| Added funding for estimated increases in the lodging rate.   | 11,600   | 11,600      |
| Reduced funding for operating expenses.  | (37,210) | (37,210)    |
| Increased funding for professional services to provide a total of \$200,000.   | 60,000   | 60,000      |
| Added funding for capital assets for emergency equipment replacement.  | 6,000    | 6,000       |
| Added one-time funding for computer replacement.   | 124,856  | 124,856     |
| Added one-time funding for redistricting equipment.  | 22,400   | 22,400      |
| Added one-time funding for a Council of State Governments conference.  | 7,500    | 7,500       |
| Total  | 0.00     | \$1,153,936 |

#### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 36 FTE positions for the Legislative Council for the 2019-21 biennium, the same as the 2017-19 biennium.

#### One-Time Funding

In Section 3 of House Bill No. 1001, the Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$154,756 from the general fund for one-time funding items. Of this amount, \$22,400 is for redistricting equipment, \$124,856 is for computer replacement, and \$7,500 is for a Council of State Governments conference. These amounts are not to be considered part of the Legislative Council's 2021-23 biennium base budget, and the Legislative Council is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2021 legislative session on the use of this funding.

#### Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly approved House Bill No. 1001 providing for legislative pay increases. Sections 7 and 8 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. Sections 9 and 10 of the bill increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

|  | Current<br>Compensation Rate | Rate Effective<br>July 1, 2019 | Rate Effective<br>July 1, 2020 |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monthly compensation                     | \$495                        | \$505                          | \$518                          |
| Leaders' additional monthly compensation | \$355                        | \$362                          | \$371                          |
| Daily session pay                        | \$177                        | \$181                          | \$186                          |
| Interim meeting pay                      | \$177                        | \$181                          | \$186                          |

### Other Sections in House Bill No. 1001

**Capitol building fund** - Section 4 identifies \$140,000 from the Capitol building fund for digital signage replacement and voting system upgrades for the Legislative Assembly.

**Transfers** - Section 5 allows transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

**Continuation of appropriation authority** - Section 6 allows transfers of funds between line items of the 2017-19 biennium appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council. In addition, the section also provides unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2017-19 biennium be continued and that unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2017-19 biennium may be canceled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

**Compensation of members of the Legislative Assembly** - Sections 7 and 8 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. Sections 9 and 10 increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. Section 11 provides for the effective dates of the legislative compensation increases.

**Emergency** - Section 12 declares the Act an emergency measure.

### Related Legislation

**House Bill No. 1036** - Requires, in addition to initiated measures, the Legislative Council coordinate the determination of the estimated fiscal impact of the referred measures.

**House Bill No. 1401** - Provides for a Legislative Management study of the use of technology to enable remote attendance at interim legislative committee meetings.

**House Bill No. 1422** - Requires the Legislative Council publish the North Dakota Administrative Code and supplements on the legislative branch website.

**House Bill No. 1521** - Relates to reporting campaign contributions and expenditures, restrictions on public officials and lobbyists, investigations of ethics violations, implementing requirements of Article XIV of the Constitution of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Ethics Commission. The bill appropriates \$517,155 from the general fund and authorizes 2 FTE positions to the Ethics Commission to provide for the operations of the commission.

**Senate Bill No. 2055** - Creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-35 relating to the establishment of the Budget Section and updates other references to the Budget Section.

**Senate Bill No. 2110** - Requires the Information Technology Department to advise and consult with the legislative and judicial branches regarding cybersecurity strategy.

**Senate Bill No. 2148** - Requires the Legislative Management to study the implementation and requirements of Article XIV of the Constitution of North Dakota concerning the transparency of funding sources, lobbyists, conflicts of interest, and related matters, the responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly and the Ethics Commission, and potential issues under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of North Dakota.

**Senate Bill No. 2176** - Provides for a Legislative Management study of the feasibility and desirability of creating a road train pilot program and allows the Legislative Council to contract for consulting services to assist with the study.

**Senate Bill No. 2221** - Relates to exempting records of communications between legislators and public employees from open records laws.

**Senate Bill No. 2313** - Establishes a Children's Cabinet and Commission on Juvenile Justice, which include members of the Legislative Assembly, and provides for per diem payments to legislators serving on the committees.