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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1026

Page 1, line 2, remove the second "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "item" insert "; and to amend and reenact section 65-06.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to civil air patrol workers' compensation reimbursements"

Page 1, line 11, replace "12,949,049" with "13,299,049"

Page 1, line 12, replace "5,065,609" with "5,190,609"

Page 1, line 15, replace "3,101,768" with "3,250,000"

Page 1, line 16, replace "100,000" with "100,000"

Page 1, remove line 17

Page 1, line 18, replace "all funds" with "special funds appropriation" and replace "22,659,998" with "23,274,044"

Page 1, remove lines 19 and 20

Page 1, after line 24, insert:

"**SECTION 3. REPORT TO BUDGET SECTION.** The workers compensation bureau is to report to the budget section on the expenditure of the $350,000 provided for critical salary adjustments.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 65-06.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

65-06.1-04. ~~State reimbursement~~ Reimbursement for liability in excess of collected premiums. Whenever claim liability against the fund credited to the classification of civil air patrol members exceeds the amount of premiums paid into ~~such~~ the fund, ~~such~~ the excess liabilities ~~shall be~~ are a general obligation of the ~~state of North Dakota~~ adjutant general of the North Dakota national guard as the North Dakota wing of the civil air patrol and ~~shall~~ must be reimbursed to the bureau for credit to the workers' compensation fund through legislative appropriation. The adjutant general may use the funds available to it under the Federal Employment Compensation Act liability coverage to satisfy its obligation under this section."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 485 - WORKERS COMPENSATION BUREAU

HOUSE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	1997-99 EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION	PROVIDE FOR CRITICAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS[1]	PROVIDE FOR BIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDITS[2]	INCREASE INFORMATION REENGINEERING[3]	REMOVE CIVIL AIR PATROL PAYMENTS[4]	REMOVE 2 FTE POSITIONS[5]	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	$12,949,049	$350,000					$350,000	$13,299,049
Operating expenses	5,065,609		$125,000				125,000	5,190,609
Equipment	576,000							576,000
Managed care/TPA	858,386							858,386
Information reengineering	3,101,768			$148,232			148,232	3,250,000
Contingency	100,000							100,000
Civil air patrol payment	9,186				$(9,186)		(9,186)	
Total all funds	$22,659,998	$350,000	$125,000	$148,232	$(9,186)		$614,046	$23,274,044
Less estimated income	22,650,812	350,000	125,000	148,232			623,232	23,274,044
General fund	$ 9,186	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$(9,186)		$ (9,186)	$ 0
FTE	168.00					(2.00)	(2.00)	166.00

[1] Increases salary and wages by $350,000 for critical salary adjustments.

[2] Provides funding for a biennial performance audit as required in Senate Bill No. 2074.

[3] Increases information reengineering line item by $148,232.

[4] Removes Civil Air Patrol payments because the payments are being transferred to the Adjutant General's appropriation, where other funding for the Civil Air Patrol is located. The amendment also adds a section to the bill to amend Section 65-06.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to this transfer of Civil Air Patrol payments from the bureau to the Adjutant General.

[5] Removes two authorized FTE positions. The executive budget recommendation changed 18 temporary positions to 18 authorized FTE positions. There was no cost increase by changing the temporary positions to authorized FTE positions; therefore, there is no cost savings by changing the authorized FTE positions back to temporary positions.

The amendment also adds a section requiring the bureau to report to the Budget Section on the expenditure of the $350,000 provided for critical salary adjustments.