

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2019**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 economic development and finance; to provide for transfers of funds; and to provide for the  
3 reallocation of funds.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in  
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
8 funds and other income, to the department of economic development and finance for the  
9 purpose of defraying its expenses, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending  
10 June 30, 1999, as follows:

11 Salaries and wages	\$ 2,421,849
12 Operating expenses	1,591,673
13 Equipment	34,000
14 Grants	1,313,141
15 General allocation grants	725,690
16 Technology transfer, incorporated	1,410,380
17 North Dakota development fund	1,909,875
18 Agricultural products utilization	5,598,107
19 Pride of dakota	<u>150,000</u>
20 Total all funds	\$15,154,715
21 Less estimated income	<u>4,812,671</u>
22 Total general fund appropriation	\$10,342,044

23 **SECTION 2. TRANSFERS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.** Of the general  
24 fund amount appropriated in section 1 of this Act, \$1,909,875 must be transferred to the North

1 Dakota development fund and \$1,410,380 must be transferred to the technology transfer fund.  
2 The transfers must be in amounts and at such times as requested by the director of the office of  
3 management and budget.

4 **SECTION 3. NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND ALLOCATIONS.** The  
5 \$1,909,875 available in the North Dakota development fund must be dedicated for projects as  
6 follows: forty percent businesses in rural areas, forty percent businesses in urban areas, and  
7 twenty percent North Dakota American Indian businesses. Any unused funds in any category  
8 may be transferred to another category during the second year of the biennium under rules  
9 adopted by the director of the department of economic development and finance. The director  
10 of the department of economic development and finance may reallocate up to twenty percent of  
11 any region's available remaining balance of regional rural development revolving loan funds to  
12 another region or regions for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

13 **SECTION 4. REALLOCATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.** The  
14 director of the department of economic development and finance may reallocate among the  
15 technology transfer, inc., fund and the North Dakota development fund for rural and nonrural  
16 development projects up to ten percent of the amounts appropriated for these purposes for the  
17 biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

18 **SECTION 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS - WAGE REQUIREMENTS.** Any  
19 political subdivision or economic development authority may adopt a minimum wage  
20 requirement for any new business or business expansion in which a majority of the capital is  
21 provided by the North Dakota development fund and its own local development funds. These  
22 wage requirements may be imposed on all or any portion of the employees and may exceed  
23 federal minimum wage requirements.

24 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INC. - PROJECT**  
25 **FUNDS.** It is the intent of the legislative assembly that project funds be distributed by  
26 technology transfer, inc., consistent with the mission and policies established by the technology  
27 transfer, inc., board and that project funds be distributed, to the extent practical and efficient,  
28 directly to businesses and individuals receiving project funding approval. Funding recipients  
29 may use the project funds to purchase services, on a fee-for-service basis, from business and  
30 industry development centers located on the campuses of the institutions of higher education.