

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2044

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Information Technology Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the legislative council information technology committee.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Information technology committee - Appointment.** The legislative council, during
7 each biennium, shall appoint an information technology committee in the same manner as the
8 council appoints other interim committees. The council shall appoint four members of the
9 house of representatives and three members of the senate to the committee. The chief
10 information officer of the state is an ex officio, nonvoting member of the committee. The council
11 shall designate the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate according to the
12 statutes and procedure governing the operation of other legislative council interim committees.

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is
14 created and enacted as follows:

15 **Information technology committee - Powers and duties.** The information
16 technology committee has continuing existence and may meet and conduct its business during
17 the legislative session and in the interim between sessions. The committee shall:

- 18 1. Meet at least once each calendar quarter.
- 19 2. Receive a report from the chief information officer of the state at each meeting.
- 20 3. Review the business plan of the information technology department.
- 21 4. Address macro-level questions relating to the information technology department.
- 22 5. Review the activities of the information technology department.
- 23 6. Review statewide information technology standards.
- 24 7. Review the statewide information technology plan.

8. Conduct studies of information technology efficiency and security.

9. Make recommendations regarding established or proposed information technology programs and information technology acquisition by the executive and judicial branches.

10. Review the cost-benefit analysis of any major information technology project of an executive or judicial branch agency. A major project is a project with a cost of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in one biennium or a total cost of five hundred thousand dollars or more.

11. Perform periodic reviews to ensure that a major information technology project is on its projected schedule and within its cost projections.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Information technology project quality assurance - Information technology

committee review - Suspension of funds. The information technology committee may review any information technology project or information technology plan. If the committee determines that the project or plan is at risk of failing to achieve its intended results, the committee may recommend to the office of management and budget the suspension of the expenditure of moneys appropriated for a project or plan. The office of management and budget may suspend the expenditure authority if the office of management and budget agrees with the recommendation of the committee.