

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1497
(Representatives Carlson, Berg, Svedjan)
(Senators Holmberg, Stenehjem)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative council study of state government performance and accountability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY - APPOINTMENT - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS - EXPENDITURES. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2003-04 interim, state government performance and accountability practices. The legislative council shall appoint a ten-member government performance and accountability committee in the same manner as the council appoints other interim committees. The council shall appoint at least six legislators to the committee. The council may appoint two citizen members to the committee. The council may also include the governor, or the governor's designee, and an additional executive branch representative as members of the committee. The council shall designate the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing the operation of other legislative council interim committees. The committee may accept and use gifts, grants, or assistance to accomplish its purposes. The study, if conducted, must include a review of other state's performance budgeting practices and strategic planning efforts and how those practices and efforts may apply to North Dakota and improve North Dakota's budgeting process. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-ninth legislative assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1497.

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 5 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 37 Nays 10 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State