

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 information
2 technology department; to authorize the industrial commission to issue and sell evidences of
3 indebtedness for ConnectND; and to declare an emergency.

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 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from other income, to the
8 information technology department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the information
9 technology department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, as
10 follows:

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| 11 Salaries and wages | \$26,012,849 |
| 12 Operating expenses | 33,120,860 |
| 13 Capital assets | 5,323,000 |
| 14 Division of independent study | 5,667,842 |
| 15 Educational technology council | 796,655 |
| 16 EduTech | 2,674,003 |
| 17 Wide area network | 7,799,623 |
| 18 Enterprise resource planning system (ConnectND) | 20,000,000 |
| 19 Geographic information system | 716,097 |
| 20 Prairie public broadcasting | 1,337,138 |
| 21 Criminal justice information sharing | <u>4,741,200</u> |
| 22 Total all funds | \$108,189,267 |
| 23 Less estimated income | <u>97,581,730</u> |
| 24 Total general fund appropriation | \$10,607,537 |

1 **SECTION 2. BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION - PURPOSES.** The industrial
2 commission, acting as the North Dakota building authority, shall arrange for the funding in an
3 amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the enterprise resource planning system commonly
4 known as the ConnectND project, which is declared to be in the public interest, through the
5 issuance of evidences of indebtedness under chapter 54-17.2 from the effective date of this Act
6 and ending June 30, 2003. The proceeds of the evidences of indebtedness and other available
7 funds, as appropriated in section 1 of this Act, for ConnectND project costs include refunding of
8 interim borrowings. The industrial commission shall issue evidences of indebtedness under this
9 section with the condition that repayment on the evidences of indebtedness need not begin until
10 July 1, 2005.

11 The authority of the industrial commission to issue evidences of indebtedness under this
12 section ends July 30, 2005, but the industrial commission may continue to exercise all other
13 powers granted to it under chapter 54-17.2 and this Act and comply with any covenants entered
14 into before that date.

15 The limitation provided in section 54-17.2-23 does not apply to repayments allocable to
16 the evidences of indebtedness issued for the ConnectND project.

17 **SECTION 3. EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUANCE REPAYMENT**
18 **RESPONSIBILITY.** Debt service on the evidences of indebtedness issued under section 2 of
19 this Act must be available from charges made and collected by the information technology
20 department from users of the system.

21 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** The enterprise resource planning system line item in of
22 section 1 of this Act and all of sections 2 and 3 of this Act are declared to be an emergency
23 measure.