

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to participation by political subdivision employees in the uniform group insurance
3 program.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-52.1-03.1. Certain political subdivisions authorized to join uniform group**
8 **insurance program - Employer contribution.** A political subdivision may extend the benefits
9 of the uniform group insurance program under this chapter to its permanent employees, subject
10 to minimum requirements established by the board and a minimum period of participation of
11 sixty months. If the political subdivision withdraws from participation in the uniform group
12 insurance program, before completing sixty months of participation, the political subdivision
13 shall make payment to the board in an amount equal to any expenses incurred in the uniform
14 group insurance program that exceed income received on behalf of the political subdivision's
15 employees as determined under rules adopted by the board. A retiree who has accepted a
16 retirement allowance from a participating political subdivision's retirement plan may elect to
17 participate in the uniform group under this chapter without meeting minimum requirements at
18 age sixty-five, when the employee's spouse reaches age sixty-five, upon the receipt of a
19 benefit, when the political subdivision joins the uniform group insurance plan if the retiree was a
20 member of the former plan, or when the spouse terminates employment. If a retiree or
21 surviving spouse does not elect to participate at the times specified in this section, the retiree or
22 surviving spouse must meet the minimum requirements established by the board. Each retiree
23 or surviving spouse shall pay directly to the board the premiums in effect for the coverage then
24 being provided. The board may require documentation that the retiree has accepted a

- 1 retirement allowance from an eligible retirement plan other than the public employees
- 2 retirement system. For purposes of this section, retirement allowance means a payment or
- 3 payments to a participant of an employer-sponsored pension or retirement plan who terminated
- 4 employment by retirement on or after achieving normal retirement age and who was vested in
- 5 the employer plan at the time of retirement.