

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to local economic development services provided by the division of
3 economic development and finance; and to provide for a report to the legislative council.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-34.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Local economic development certification program.** The director shall implement a
8 certification program through which the division provides training to assist local economic
9 developers in meeting the needs of businesses. The director may contract with a third-party
10 service provider to assist in implementing the program. The director may set and charge a fee
11 for the receipt of services under this program.

12 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the
13 commissioner of commerce shall report to the legislative council on the status of the
14 certification program through which the division of economic development and finance provides
15 training services to local economic developers under section 1 of this Act. The report must
16 include information regarding what services have been provided under the program to assist
17 local economic developers, to whom the services were provided, local economic developer
18 level of satisfaction with the program, whether the program should continue, and whether there
19 are changes that could be made to better assist local economic developers.