

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-44.4 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an information program regarding the state's purchasing practices;
3 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 54-44.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Procurement information program.** The office of management and budget shall
8 implement a program to inform potential vendors in the state of the state's commodities and
9 services purchasing system. The information provided through this program must include
10 information regarding approved vendor status, selection criteria, and commodity and service
11 specifications. The office of management and budget may contract with a third party to assist in
12 implementing the program and in distributing the information under the program.

13 **SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the
14 director of the office of management and budget shall report to the legislative council on the
15 status of the procurement information program under section 1 of this Act. This report must
16 include information regarding what information the program provides to potential vendors, the
17 manner in which the information is provided to potential vendors, the number of potential
18 vendors reached through the program, whether the program should continue, and whether
19 there are potential changes that could be made to the state's purchasing system in order to
20 assist North Dakota businesses in obtaining a larger share of the state's procurement
21 opportunities.