

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-34-11, 54-34-12, 54-34-13, 54-34-14, and  
2 54-34-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the risk capital network program; and to  
3 provide for a report to the legislative council.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-34-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-34-11. Statement of purpose.** The purpose of sections 54-34-11 through 54-34-15  
8 is to improve the dissemination of information regarding informal risk investment opportunities  
9 to potential investors and entrepreneurs, and thereby stimulate the growth of small businesses  
10 in the state.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-34-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **54-34-12. Division of economic development and finance to establish venture risk**  
14 **capital network - Duties and ~~functions~~ powers.** The department of commerce division of  
15 economic development and finance ~~may~~ shall establish, from funds appropriated to or  
16 otherwise available to the department of commerce, the ~~venture risk~~ venture risk capital network as a  
17 clearinghouse for information on informal risk capital investment opportunities in the state. The  
18 division ~~of economic development and finance may:~~

- 19 1. ~~Enter~~ May enter service contracts on a competitive bid basis with public and  
20 private agencies, institutions, organizations, and individuals for the purpose of  
21 establishing and operating the ~~venture risk~~ venture risk capital network.
- 22 2. ~~Receive~~ Shall receive and approve contract proposals for the purpose of  
23 establishing the ~~venture risk~~ venture risk capital network.



1           **SECTION 6. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** During the 2005-06 interim, the  
2 commissioner of commerce shall report to the legislative council on the status of the risk capital  
3 network program. This report must include statistics on the operation of the risk capital  
4 network, including information regarding how the program has been implemented; the number  
5 of profiled entrepreneurs and investors, referrals, and referrals resulting in investment;  
6 information regarding how the program is being advertised and promoted; recommend whether  
7 the risk capital network program should continue and whether there are potential changes that  
8 could be made to the state's risk capital network and system in order to improve the  
9 dissemination of information regarding informal risk investment opportunities to potential  
10 investors and entrepreneurs, and thereby stimulate the growth of small businesses in the state.