

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to establishment of a statewide information technology enterprise fund;  
3 and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Statewide information technology enterprise fund.** Funds must be made available  
8 to all state agencies, institutions, and departments from a statewide information technology  
9 enterprise fund in the state treasury under the control of the chief information officer of the  
10 information technology department for information technology projects providing improvements  
11 in the efficiency of state government services and involving several state agencies, institutions,  
12 or departments. The projects considered for funding may not include any project that the  
13 legislative assembly has indicated an intent to reject in its proposed or substantially similar  
14 format. State agencies, institutions, and departments interested in obtaining funds shall submit  
15 a written request including detailed information on the purpose, scope, cost-benefit, and  
16 projected return on investment of the project to the chief information officer. The chief  
17 information officer shall present requests to the statewide information technology advisory  
18 committee, and the committee shall review each request; if a request is determined to be  
19 acceptable, the chief information officer shall present a recommendation regarding the  
20 proposed project and necessary moneys the budget section of the legislative council. Funds  
21 may be advanced only in the event that an authorization has first been received from the  
22 budget section. Any funds advanced and any related special or federal funds may be spent by  
23 the agencies, institutions, and departments as approved by the budget section. Such funds  
24 advanced must be repaid to the statewide information technology enterprise fund during

1 subsequent bienniums as moneys become available through agency savings, increases in  
2 agency revenue, legislative appropriation, or other sources. The chief information officer shall  
3 report to the budget section and the information technology committee on the status projected  
4 return on investment, and actual return to the fund for each project approved.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so  
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the  
8 purpose of establishment of a statewide information technology enterprise fund for the biennium  
9 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.