

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a study of chronic unemployment and soft skills training; and to  
2 provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA STUDY AND REPORT TO**  
5 **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOFT SKILLS TRAINING.**

- 6 1. During the 2007-08 interim, job service North Dakota shall study the issue of  
7 chronic unemployment and the issue of soft skills training for the chronically  
8 unemployed and as an element of workforce training. The study shall include:  
9 a. Evaluation of the costs and effectiveness of the current unemployment,  
10 reemployment, and workforce training processes used by job service North  
11 Dakota, with consideration of the feasibility and desirability of increasing the  
12 use of soft skills training and with consideration of how these processes  
13 impact workforce needs in the state;  
14 b. A report on the progress of and results from the chronic unemployment  
15 demonstration project carried out by job service North Dakota during the  
16 2007-08 interim; and  
17 c. Consideration of the appropriate means of funding any additional costs that  
18 might be incurred as a result of implementation of the study's  
19 recommendations.  
20 2. Before July 1, 2008, job service North Dakota shall report to the legislative council  
21 the outcome of the study, along with any recommendations and any legislative  
22 language required to implement the recommendations.  
23 3. The legislative council shall receive the report of job service North Dakota and  
24 consider whether to recommend any of the proposed recommendations of job

1 service North Dakota. The legislative council shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
3 recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$600,000, or so much  
6 of the sum as may be necessary, to job service North Dakota, for the purpose of funding a web  
7 site spider program to identify job listings available in North Dakota, for the biennium beginning  
8 July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. The funds appropriated under this section are  
9 intended to supplement any federal funds made available to fund this spider program.