

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE BILL NO. 2021
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and insurance; to provide legislative intent; to provide for a report; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to implementation of occupational health and preventive medicine programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. BASE LEVEL FUNDING INFORMATION. The amount identified in this section represents the base level funding component appropriated to workforce safety and insurance in section 3 of this Act as follows:

Total special funds - Base level	\$33,523,001
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SECTION 2. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS INFORMATION. The amount identified in this section represents the funding adjustments or enhancements to the base funding level for workforce safety and insurance which are included in the appropriation in section 3 of this Act as follows:

Total special funds - Adjustments/enhancements	\$19,750,731
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SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from the workforce safety and insurance fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to workforce safety and insurance, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, as follows:

Total special funds appropriation	\$53,273,732
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SECTION 4. INTENT - STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS - GUIDELINES. It is the intent of the sixtieth legislative assembly that the general salary increases provided for in Senate Bill No. 2189 do not apply to workforce safety and insurance. Workforce safety and insurance may provide salary increases during the 2007-09 biennium based on the agency's merit and performance system.

SECTION 5. PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT TO THE BUDGET SECTION. Workforce safety and insurance shall report quarterly to the budget section on the agency's status of implementing the performance audit recommendations of the state auditor.

SECTION 6. A new section to chapter 65-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Occupational health and preventive medicine programs - Continuing appropriation. Upon approval of the board, the organization may establish and implement programs to advance occupational health and preventive medicine in this state and to protect the integrity of the fund. These programs may include the provision of education or training, consultation, grants, scholarships, or other incentives that promote superior care and treatment of the workforce in this state. Funds in the workforce and insurance fund are appropriated to the organization on a continuing basis for the purpose of funding the programs implemented under this section.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2021.

Senate Vote: Yeas 28 Nays 17 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 0 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State