

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2023
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-61 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contracting for public defenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the commission on legal counsel for indigents for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Commission on legal counsel for indigents	\$11,210,696	\$209,669	\$11,420,365
Less special funds	<u>1,700,705</u>	<u>249,512</u>	<u>1,950,217</u>
Total general fund	\$9,509,991	(\$39,843)	\$9,470,148
Full-time equivalent positions	29.00	1.00	30.00

SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 54-61 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Contract services. The commission on legal counsel for indigents shall contract for public defender services at a minimum level of fifty percent of its biennial caseload.

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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2023.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 2 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State