

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2223

Introduced by

Senators Robinson, Nething

Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for regional public transportation pilot projects; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PILOT**

5 **PROJECTS.** The department of transportation shall develop two public transportation
6 coordination pilot projects in two of this state's planning regions. The department shall
7 implement one project in 2009 and one project in 2010. Each pilot project must have a regional
8 coordination administrator who coordinates the provision of public transportation services to the
9 residents of the region in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation
10 and duplication of services. The regional coordination administrator shall assist communities in
11 public transportation planning in the specified region to develop a structure that will support a
12 coordinated public transportation system. The department shall develop standards for public
13 transportation providers and contractors who provide public transportation within the
14 coordinated public transportation system. These standards must promote coordination among
15 public transportation providers. The department shall prepare a four-year statewide public
16 transportation coordination plan to address the public transportation needs of residents in this
17 state which is compatible with local government comprehensive plans, and which ensures the
18 most cost-effective and efficient method of providing transportation to individuals.

19 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
20 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$375,000, or so much
21 of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for two regional public
22 transportation coordination pilot projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
23 June 30, 2011.