

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2223
(Senators Robinson, Nething)
(Representatives Delmore, R. Kelsch, Weisz)

AN ACT to provide for regional public transportation pilot projects; and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PILOT PROJECTS - SPENDING AUTHORITY. The department of transportation shall develop two public transportation coordination pilot projects in two of this state's planning regions. One project must focus on coordination in a region that does not have a city with a population over thirty-five thousand and one project must focus on coordination in a region that has a city with a population exceeding thirty-five thousand. The department shall implement one project in 2009 and one project in 2010. Each pilot project must have a regional coordination administrator who coordinates the provision of public transportation services to the residents of the region in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation and duplication of services. The regional coordination administrator shall assist communities in public transportation planning in the specified region to develop a structure that will support a coordinated public transportation system. The department shall develop standards for public transportation providers and contractors who provide public transportation within the coordinated public transportation system. These standards must promote coordination among public transportation providers. The department may spend additional funds from gifts, grants, or donations and those additional funds are appropriated for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The director of the department of transportation shall report to the sixty-second legislative assembly with findings and recommendations based on the results of the public transportation coordination pilot projects.

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. 2223.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 69 Nays 23 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,

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Secretary of State