

**SENATE BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Miller

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of a searchable database of state and political  
3 subdivision expenditures.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Searchable database of expenditures.**

- 8 1. By March 1, 2010, the state treasurer shall develop and make publicly available an  
9 aggregate and searchable budget database website that includes the following  
10 information:
- 11 a. Each budget unit and political subdivision making expenditures during the  
12 previous two fiscal years;
  - 13 b. The name and address of the recipient of each expenditure;
  - 14 c. The amount of funds expended;
  - 15 d. The source of the funds expended;
  - 16 e. A descriptive purpose for the expenditure;
  - 17 f. The expected performance outcome for the expenditure;
  - 18 g. The performance outcomes achieved for the expenditure;
  - 19 h. The result or report of any state audit or review relating to any recipient of  
20 expenditures or the budget unit, political subdivision, or program; and
  - 21 i. Any other information determined relevant by the state treasurer.
- 22 2. The state treasurer may update the budget database website as new data  
23 becomes available. Each budget unit and political subdivision shall provide to the  
24 state treasurer any data required to be included in the budget database website no

- 1                    later than thirty days after the data becomes available to the budget unit or political  
2                    subdivision.
- 3                    3. By January first of each even-numbered year, the state treasurer shall add data for  
4                    the previous biennium from each budget unit to the budget database website.
- 5                    4. By March first of each year, the state treasurer shall add data for the previous fiscal  
6                    year from each political subdivision to the budget database website.
- 7                    5. The budget database website may not redirect users to any other government  
8                    website, unless the website has information from all budget units and political  
9                    subdivisions and each category of information required can be searched  
10                   electronically by field in a single search.
- 11                   6. The state treasurer shall ensure that all data added to the budget database website  
12                   remains accessible to the public for a minimum of ten years.