

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2408

Introduced by

Senators Holmberg, Krebsbach, Triplett

Representatives Glassheim, Svedjan, Uglen

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a base
2 realignment grant program; and to authorize contingent borrowing authority for the department
3 of commerce.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BASE REALIGNMENT GRANT PROGRAM -**

6 **BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund
7 in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum
8 as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing one-time
9 funding for a base realignment grant program to enhance economic development and
10 employment opportunities associated with the Grand Forks air force base resulting from action
11 by the federal base closure and realignment committee, for the biennium beginning July 1,
12 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. Applications for program funding may include requests for
13 infrastructure and economic development projects to accommodate growth in proximity to or at
14 the Grand Forks air force base. Applications for program funding must be approved by a local
15 committee consisting of representatives of Grand Forks County, Grand Forks, the university of
16 North Dakota, and the regional economic development corporation. Applications approved by
17 this committee must be submitted to and approved by the board of county commissioners
18 before submission to the department of commerce for grant approval. The commissioner of the
19 department of commerce shall review each application and may provide a grant award for each
20 application approved by the commissioner, subject to emergency commission and budget
21 section approval.

22 **SECTION 2. BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT GRANT PROGRAM -**

23 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - CONTINGENT BORROWING AUTHORITY -**

24 **APPROPRIATION.** Subject to emergency commission and budget section approval, the

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1 department of commerce may borrow the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be
2 necessary, from the Bank of North Dakota, which is appropriated for the purpose of providing
3 additional base realignment grant program funding, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009,
4 and ending June 30, 2011. The department of commerce shall request funding from the
5 sixty-second legislative assembly to repay any loan obtained pursuant to provisions of this
6 section, including accrued interest. The borrowing authority and appropriation provided for in
7 this section are available only if all other funding provided by the sixty-first legislative assembly
8 for the base realignment grant program has been obligated.