

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2360

Introduced by

Senators Bakke, Flakoll, Potter

Representatives Schneider, S. Kelsh, Klemin

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to authorizing a state agency to grant a temporary release from
3 employment for an employee providing service on behalf of a public employee organization.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Leadership in public employee organizations - Temporary leave of absence.** An
8 employee of a state agency who is elected to serve as the president of the largest statewide
9 organization representing public employees is entitled to a half-time, unpaid release from
10 employment for no more than one year during the time the individual is elected to serve. At the
11 conclusion of the service, the employee is entitled to return to the employee's previous position
12 with the employing agency. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employee electing
13 to take a leave of absence under this section is entitled to continue to participate in the uniform
14 group insurance program and receive retirement credit for the period if the employee or public
15 employee organization pays the cost of participation in the uniform group insurance program or
16 purchases the retirement service credit.