

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1377

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Berg, Kasper, Schneider

Senators Miller, Schneider

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-44.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the establishment of a searchable database of state expenditures.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-44.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Searchable database of expenditures.**

- 7 1. By January 1, 2010, the director of the budget shall develop and make publicly
8 available an aggregate and searchable budget database website that includes the
9 following information for the biennium ending June 30, 2009:
- 10 a. Each budget unit making expenditures.
 - 11 b. The name and city of the recipient of each expenditure.
 - 12 c. The amount of funds expended.
 - 13 d. The source of the funds expended.
 - 14 e. The budget program of the expenditure.
 - 15 f. A descriptive purpose for the expenditure.
 - 16 g. The result or report of any state audit or review relating to any recipient of
17 expenditures or the budget unit or program.
 - 18 h. Any other information determined relevant by the director of the budget.
- 19 2. The director of the budget may not include in the database any information that is
20 confidential under state or federal law.
- 21 3. The director of the budget may update the budget database website as new data
22 becomes available. Each state agency shall provide to the director of the budget
23 any data required to be included in the budget database website no later than thirty
24 days after the data becomes available to the agency.

- 1 4. By January first of each even-numbered year, the director of the budget shall add
2 data for the previous biennium to the budget database website. The director of the
3 budget shall ensure that all data added to the budget database website remains
4 accessible to the public for a minimum of ten years.
- 5 5. The budget database website may not redirect users to any other government
6 website, unless the website has information from all budget units and each
7 category of information required can be searched electronically by field in a single
8 search.