

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1051  
(Legislative Management)  
(Information Technology Committee)

AN ACT to create and enact two new subdivisions to subsection 1 of section 15-10-44 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic mail services and retention for institutions of higher education; to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-46-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to records management; and to provide an appropriation.

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

**SECTION 1.** Two new subdivisions to subsection 1 of section 15-10-44 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

Requiring utilization by each institution under the control and supervision of the board of systemwide electronic mail services provided by the board for all public business electronic correspondence.

Development and implementation of an electronic mail retention policy for the board and institutions under the supervision and control of the board which requires retention of nonstudent employee electronic mail messages for at least two years after the creation or receipt of the message.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-46-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. "Agency" means any department, office, commission, board, or other unit, however designated, of the executive branch of state government, including the state board of higher education and the entities under the control of the state board of higher education.

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of defraying expenses related to the retention of nonstudent employee electronic mail messages, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1051.

House Vote:    Yeas 80            Nays 11            Absent 3

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State