

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2016

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of job service North Dakota; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 52-06-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to conditions required to be eligible for unemployment benefits; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to job service North Dakota for the purpose of defraying the expenses of job service North Dakota, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$30,572,221	(\$1,611,069)	\$28,961,152
Operating expenses	17,840,895	(665,598)	17,175,297
Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
Grants	6,166,112	2,114,939	8,281,051
Reed Act —unemployment insurance	10,475,114	470,012	10,945,126
—computer modernization			
Total all funds	\$65,074,342	\$308,284	\$65,382,626
Less estimated income	64,643,718	328,603	64,972,321
Total general fund	\$430,624	(\$20,319)	\$410,305
Full-time equivalent positions	172.61	(16.00)	156.61
Salaries and wages	\$30,572,221	\$870,859	\$31,443,080
Operating expenses	17,840,895	(4,246,498)	13,594,397

1	<u>Capital assets</u>	20,000	0	20,000
2	<u>Grants</u>	6,166,112	2,114,939	8,281,051
3	<u>Reed Act - unemployment insurance</u>	10,475,114	470,012	10,945,126
4	<u>computer modernization</u>			
5	<u>Total all funds</u>	\$65,074,342	(\$790,688)	\$64,283,654
6	<u>Less estimated income</u>	64,643,718	(770,293)	63,873,425
7	<u>Total general fund</u>	\$430,624	(\$20,395)	\$410,229
8	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	172.61	0	172.61

9 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
10 items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium:

11	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
12	Unemployment insurance modernization project	<u>\$611,852</u>	<u>\$0</u>
13	Total other funds	\$611,852	\$0

14 **SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION.** All federal funds received by job
15 service North Dakota in excess of those funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act are
16 appropriated to job service North Dakota for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
17 June 30, 2023.

18 **SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - REED ACT FUNDS - UNEMPLOYMENT**

19 **INSURANCE COMPUTER MODERNIZATION.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of
20 this Act includes the sum of \$10,945,126 from federal Reed Act funds made available to the
21 state by the federal Reed Act distributions made in federal fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1999, and
22 2002, pursuant to section 903 of the federal Social Security Act. This sum, or so much of the
23 sum as may be necessary, is for the purpose of developing a modernization unemployment
24 insurance computer system.

25 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 52-06-01 of the North Dakota Century
26 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 27 4. The individual has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. The executive
28 director may suspend the waiting period during periods of time when federal
29 reimbursement for benefit charges incurred for the suspended waiting period is made
30 available to the bureau. Any suspension of the waiting period applies to all new initial
31 claims filed with an effective date within the time period in which the waiting period is

suspended. No week may be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this subsection:

- a. Unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which the individual claims payment of benefits;
- b. If benefits have been paid with respect thereto; and
- c. Unless the individual was eligible for benefits, with respect thereto as provided in this section and section 52-06-02; and

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF EMPLOYERS. It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly that job service North Dakota ensure equitable and fair treatment of all classifications of employers.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.