Fiscal No. 2

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2016

Page 1, line 2, after "Dakota" insert "; 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"

Page 1, replace lines 11 through 20 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$30,572,221	\$870,859	\$31,443,080
Operating expenses	17,840,895	(4,246,498)	13,594,397
Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
Grants	6,166,112	2,114,939	8,281,051
Reed Act - unemployment insurance computer modernization	<u>10,475,114</u>	470,012	<u>10,945,126</u>
Total all funds	\$65,074,342	(\$790,688)	\$64,283,654
Less estimated income	<u>64,643,718</u>	(770,293)	63,873,425
Total general fund	\$430,624	(\$20,395)	\$410,229
Full-time equivalent positions	172.61	0	172.61"

Page 2, after line 14, insert:

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

- 4. The individual has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. The executive director may suspend the waiting period during periods of time when federal reimbursement for benefit charges incurred for the suspended waiting period is made available to the bureau. Any suspension of the waiting period applies to all new initial 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."

Renumber accordingly

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

### Senate Bill No. 2016 - Job Service North Dakota - House Action

	Base	Senate	House	House
	Budget	Version	Changes	Version
Salaries and wages Operating expenses	\$30,572,221	\$28,961,152	\$2,481,928	\$31,443,080
	17,840,895	17,175,297	(3,580,900)	13,594,397
Capital assets	20,000	20,000		20,000
Grants	6,166,112	8,281,051		8,281,051
Reed Act - Computer modernization	10,475,114	10,945,126		10,945,126
Total all funds	\$65,074,342	\$65,382,626	(\$1,098,972)	\$64,283,654
Less estimated income	64,643,718	64,972,321	(1,098,896)	63,873,425
General fund	\$430,624	\$410,305	(\$76)	\$410,229
FTE	172.61	156.61	16.00	172.61

# Department 380 - Job Service North Dakota - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases¹	Restores IT FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages Operating expenses Capital assets Grants Reed Act - Computer modernization	\$113,153	\$2,368,775 (3,580,900)	\$2,481,928 (3,580,900)
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$113,153 113,229 (\$76)	(\$1,212,125) (1,212,125) \$0	(\$1,098,972) (1,098,896) (\$76)
FTE	0.00	16.00	16.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Salaries and wages funding is adjusted for 2021-23 biennium salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021 with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2 percent on July 1, 2022. The Senate provided salary adjustments of 2 percent with a minimum monthly increase of \$80 and a maximum monthly increase of \$300 on July 1, 2021, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022.

# This amendment also:

 Adds a section to amend North Dakota Century Code Section 52-06-01(4) to allow the executive director of Job Service North Dakota to suspend the unemployment benefit waiting period when federal reimbursement for benefit charges incurred are made available to Job Service North Dakota. This section is declared an emergency measure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Federal funding for the information technology unification initiative is adjusted to remove the transfer of 16 FTE information technology positions from Job Service North Dakota to the Information Technology Department (ITD), of which 5 FTE positions are unfunded. The Senate approved the transfer of 16 FTE information technology positions to ITD for information technology unification. The House amendments provide the 16 FTE positions will not be transferred to ITD.

Adds a section to provide legislative intent that Job Service North Dakota ensure equitable and fair treatment of all classifications of employers.