

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2016**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 **SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - REED ACT FUNDS - UNEMPLOYMENT**
9 **INSURANCE COMPUTER MODERNIZATION.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of
10 this Act includes the sum of \$10,945,126 from federal Reed Act funds made available to the
11 state by the federal Reed Act distributions made in federal fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1999, and
12 2002, pursuant to section 903 of the federal Social Security Act. This sum, or so much of the
13 sum as may be necessary, is for the purpose of developing a modernization unemployment
14 insurance computer system.

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

17 4. The individual has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. The executive
18 director may suspend the waiting period during periods of time when federal
19 reimbursement for benefit charges incurred for the suspended waiting period is made
20 available to the bureau. Any suspension of the waiting period applies to all new initial
21 claims filed with an effective date within the time period in which the waiting period is
22 suspended. No week may be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of
23 this subsection:

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

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

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