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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2023

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system; to provide a contingent appropriation; and to provide for a report.

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 from special funds from income to the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows.

	Base Level	Governor's Recommendation	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$7,209,060	$9,001,179	$7,209,060
Operating expenses	2,396,236	2,671,337	2,396,236
Contingencies	250,000	250,000	250,000
Total special funds	$9,855,296	$11,922,516	$9,855,296
Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	39.50	35.50

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$7,209,060	$1,262,868	$8,471,928
Operating expenses	2,396,236	147,476	2,543,712
Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
Defined benefit plan closure	0	1,006,839	1,006,839
Total special funds	$9,855,296	$2,417,183	$12,272,479
Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	6.00	41.50

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

One-Time Funding Description	2021-23	2023-25
~~Upgrade benefit enrollment system~~	~~$104,500~~	~~0~~
~~Upgrade PERSLink business system~~	~~257,600~~	~~0~~
~~Total special funds~~	~~$362,100~~	~~$0~~
Upgrade benefit enrollment system	$104,500	$0
Upgrade PERSLink business system	257,600	125,000
Modify PERSLink business system	0	125,000
Temporary salaries	0	200,000
Staff operating expenses	0	7,000
Total special funds	$362,100	$457,000

SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - ONE-TIME FUNDING. The defined benefit plan closure line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $1,006,839, of which $681,839 is for salaries and wages and related operating expenses for three full-time equivalent positions, $200,000 is for temporary salaries, and $125,000 is for modification of the PERSLink business system. The public employees retirement system may spend funding from this line item only if the sixty-eighth legislative assembly closes the main system defined benefit retirement plan to new hires. Of the funding in this line item, $328,000 is considered a one-time funding item.