

SENATE BILL NO. 2023

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

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

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys from special funds from income to
6 the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public
7 employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
8 2025, as follows.

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

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

2 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
3 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the
4 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

5	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
6	Upgrade benefit enrollment system	\$104,500	0
7	Upgrade PERSLink business system	257,600	0
8	Total special funds	\$362,100	\$0
9	<u>Upgrade benefit enrollment system</u>	<u>\$104,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>
10	<u>Upgrade PERSLink business system</u>	<u>257,600</u>	<u>125,000</u>
11	<u>Modify PERSLink business system</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>125,000</u>
12	<u>Temporary salaries</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,000</u>
13	<u>Staff operating expenses</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,000</u>
14	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$362,100</u>	<u>\$457,000</u>

15 **SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING**

16 **AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The defined benefit plan
17 closure line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,006,839, of which \$681,839 is
18 for salaries and wages and related operating expenses for three full-time equivalent positions,
19 \$200,000 is for temporary salaries, and \$125,000 is for modification of the PERSLink business
20 system. The public employees retirement system may spend funding from this line item only if
21 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly closes the main system defined benefit retirement plan to
22 new hires. Of the funding in this line item, \$328,000 is considered a one-time funding item.