

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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; and 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.

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
11 Salaries and wages	\$7,209,060	\$1,262,868	\$8,471,928
12 Operating expenses	2,396,236	147,476	2,543,712
13 Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
14 Defined benefit plan closure	0	1,006,839	1,006,839
15 Total special funds	\$9,855,296	\$2,417,183	\$12,272,479
16 Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	6.00	41.50
17 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$7,209,060</u>	<u>\$509,787</u>	<u>\$7,718,847</u>
18 <u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>2,396,236</u>	<u>144,751</u>	<u>2,540,987</u>
19 <u>Contingencies</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
20 <u>Defined benefit plan closure</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>372,027</u>	<u>372,027</u>
21 <u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$9,855,296</u>	<u>\$1,026,565</u>	<u>\$10,881,861</u>
22 <u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>35.50</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>39.50</u>

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

24 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding

1 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the
2 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

3	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
4	Upgrade benefit enrollment system	\$104,500	\$0
5	Upgrade PERSLink business system	257,600	125,000
6	Modify PERSLink business system	0	125,000
7	Temporary salaries	0	200,000
8	Staff operating expenses	0	7,000
9	Total special funds	\$362,100	\$457,000
10	<u>Staff operating expenses</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,000</u>
11	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$362,100</u>	<u>\$454,000</u>

12 The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for
13 the 2025-27 biennium. The public employees retirement system shall report to the
14 appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time
15 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

16 **SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING**
17 **AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS ~~ONE-TIME FUNDING~~.** The defined benefit plan

18 closure line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of ~~\$1,006,839~~\$372,027, of which
19 ~~\$681,839~~\$47,027 is for a portion of salaries and wages and related operating expenses for
20 ~~three~~two full-time equivalent positions, \$200,000 is for temporary salaries, and \$125,000 is for
21 modification of the PERSLink business system. The public employees retirement system may
22 spend funding from this line item only if the sixty-eighth legislative assembly closes the main
23 system defined benefit retirement plan to new hires. Of the funding in this line item,
24 ~~\$328,000~~\$327,000 is ~~considered~~identified as a one-time funding item in section 2 of this Act. In
25 addition, the public employees retirement system may request the office of management and
26 budget to transfer up to \$479,660 of additional funding from the new and vacant FTE funding
27 pool to this line item for salaries and wages of the full-time equivalent positions identified in this
28 section.