

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

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.

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 <del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$7,209,060</del>	<del>\$1,262,868</del>	<del>\$8,471,928</del>
12 <del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>2,396,236</del>	<del>147,476</del>	<del>2,543,712</del>
13 <del>Contingencies</del>	<del>250,000</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>250,000</del>
14 <del>Defined benefit plan closure</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,006,839</del>	<del>1,006,839</del>
15 <del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$9,855,296</del>	<del>\$2,417,183</del>	<del>\$12,272,479</del>
16 <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>35.50</del>	<del>6.00</del>	<del>41.50</del>
17 Salaries and wages	\$7,209,060	\$529,419	\$7,738,479
18 Operating expenses	2,396,236	146,476	2,542,712
19 Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
20 Defined benefit plan closure	0	372,027	372,027
21 Total special funds	\$9,855,296	\$1,047,922	\$10,903,218
22 Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	5.00	40.50

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	<del>Staff operating expenses</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>7,000</del>
9	<del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$362,100</del>	<del>\$457,000</del>
10	<u>Staff operating expenses</u>	0	5,000
11	<u>Total special funds</u>	\$362,100	\$455,000

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.