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ENGROSSED 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; and to provide a contingent appropriation.

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	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$7,209,060	$529,419	$7,738,479
Operating expenses	2,396,236	146,476	2,542,712
Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
Defined benefit plan closure	0	372,027	372,027
Total special funds	$9,855,296	$1,047,922	$10,903,218
Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	5.00	40.50

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	125,000
Modify PERSLink business system	0	125,000

Temporary salaries	0	200,000
Staff operating expenses	0	5,000
Total special funds	$362,100	$455,000

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

SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS. The defined benefit plan closure line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $372,027, of which $47,027 is for a portion of salaries and wages and related operating expenses for two 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, $327,000 is identified as a one-time funding item in section 2 of this Act. In addition, the public employees retirement system may request the office of management and budget to transfer up to $479,660 of additional funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool to this line item for salaries and wages of the full-time equivalent positions identified in this section.