

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a law enforcement
2 staffing grant program; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFFING GRANT PROGRAM -**
5 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$480,000~~\$29,000, or so much of the sum as
7 may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of awarding grants to ~~a~~any local
8 police department located in a ~~southeastern North Dakota~~ community ~~with a population of~~
9 ~~between fourteen thousand and seventeen thousand residents~~ that has recently experienced a
10 significant increase in the number of registered sex offenders living in that community in order to
11 hire additional law enforcement staff, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
12 June 30, 2025. Eligible expenditures under the program include costs related to salaries and
13 overtime, training, and purchases of equipment for existing and newly hired law enforcement
14 staff. The attorney general shall establish guidelines to provide grants under the program. This
15 funding is considered a one-time funding item.

16 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SEXUAL PREDATOR TASK**
17 **FORCE.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
18 feasibility and desirability of creating a multijurisdictional sexual predator task force. The study
19 must include input from stakeholders, including representatives from law enforcement,
20 regarding the need for or desire to have a sexual predator task force. The study also must
21 include an analysis of interagency coordination. The legislative management shall report its
22 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
23 recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.