

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of
2 administrative hearings; and to authorize a line of credit.

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 from special funds, to the office of administrative
6 hearings for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of administrative hearings, for
7 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
10 Salaries and wages	\$1,446,690	\$113,239	\$1,559,929
11 New and vacant FTE pool	0	16,570	16,570
12 Operating expenses	<u>1,582,392</u>	<u>(3,141)</u>	<u>1,579,251</u>
13 Total special funds	\$3,029,082	\$126,668	\$3,155,750
14 Full-time equivalent positions	5.00	0.00	5.00

15 **SECTION 2. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
16 office of administrative hearings may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE
17 pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to
18 transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in
19 accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as
20 approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

21 **SECTION 3. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA LINE OF CREDIT - AGENCY CASH FLOW**
22 **NEEDS.** The office of administrative hearings may borrow up to \$150,000 from the Bank of

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly

1 North Dakota through a line of credit to manage agency cash flow needs during the biennium
2 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The interest rate on the line of credit may
3 not exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. The
4 office of administrative hearings shall repay the line of credit with available funding from the
5 administrative hearings fund.